

Bridge City Independent School District

2011 – 12 Extracurricular Code of Conduct

1. Extracurricular Activities: General Provisions

What is an Extracurricular Activity?

- < Any University Interscholastic League (UIL), School District, or campus-sponsored or related public performances, events, contests, demonstrations, displays, club activities, athletics, whether on- or off-campus;
- < Any elected offices and honors (such as student counsel and homecoming queen);
- < All co-curricular activities, which are those held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class, but that may take place outside of school and outside of the school day (such as band and choir);
- < All national organizations (such as National Honor Society or Future Farmers of America); and
- < Any activity held in conjunction with another activity that is considered to be an extracurricular activity (such as a meeting, practice, or fundraiser).

Why are Extracurricular Activities Important?

- < They promote self-discipline, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, commitment, and student wellness.
- < They enhance and enrich curricular educational offerings.
- < They offer participants the opportunity to be leaders and role models on campus and in the community.
- < They enable participants to represent the School District in a positive manner.

2. Jurisdiction

Who is Subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct?

Any student who participates in one or more extracurricular activities is subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct (ECC). A student is subject to the ECC from the time he/she is selected for, elected to, or otherwise joins an extracurricular activity and continues to be subject to the ECC from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in extracurricular activities. A student's participation is conditioned upon the student's compliance with this Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct, Bridge City ISD Code of Conduct, Bridge City High School Student Handbook, specific organization's handbook, and any other applicable handbook. This code will be enforced for all students in grades 7th – 12th participating in extracurricular activities.

When Does the Extracurricular Code of Conduct Apply?

The privilege of representing the School District carries with it a greater responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, and to serve as a role model for all students. Consequently, extracurricular activity participants are expected to comply with the ECC at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on and off-campus conduct as well as evenings, weekends, holidays, and summer vacation. This Extra-curricular Code of Conduct extends beyond the Bridge City ISD's Code of Conduct, Bridge City High School's Student Handbook, specific organization's handbook, and / or other applicable handbooks.

In case of conflict with Board Policy, Board Policy will prevail. In case of conflicts with other handbooks, guidelines, definitions, and / or clarifications, the principal or principal's designee will make the final decision.

3. Participant Standards

What is Expected of Extracurricular Activity Participants?

Participants in extracurricular activities are representatives of the School District and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times.

Specifically they must:

3A. Attend school, practices, contests and/or performances. Students must attend a minimum of three periods of the school day to participate in a public performance on that day. Exceptions to attendance requirements may be made by the principal or principal designee.

3B. Adhere to all rules and regulations set forth in the applicable student handbook and extra-curricular organizational handbook. Carry out responsibilities of club or organization as a member and / or leader. In addition, adhere to other rules to be determined by administrators, teachers, sponsors, and coaches

3C. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities shall comply with the district's dress code guidelines **and** coach or sponsor's specific requirements for the activity.

3D. Submit to a physical examination (if required) and file all necessary documents prior to participation.

3E. Maintain the academic requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities as established by the University Interscholastic League.

3F. Exhibit conduct, which demonstrates respect for people, property, officials, authority, and public laws at all times. In addition, students shall maintain high moral character and integrity.

3G. Submit to random drug tests and retests as directed.

3H. Refrain from the use of, distribution, or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal drugs or illegal controlled substances on or off school property.

4. Prohibited Conduct

What Conduct is Prohibited for Extracurricular Activity Participants?

The examples of prohibited conduct found in this section (Section 4) is for example purposes only and is not limited to these examples found in this section.

- < Engaging in theft, destruction, or misuse of school district property;
 - < Failing to return school property as directed.
 - < Engaging in hazing, harassment or bullying of others as defined by the BCISD Student Code of Conduct;
 - < Buying, selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance (without a proper prescription), or a dangerous drug at any time and regardless of whether the student is on school property or at a school-related activity;
 - < Engaging in any unreasonably dangerous athletic technique that unnecessarily endangers the health or safety of a student;
 - < Maintaining or being identified on a website or blog that depicts behavior that is illegal or is sexual in nature; and
 - < Engaging in conduct prohibited by the District's Student Code of Conduct that is punishable by placement in DAEP or expulsion.
- < Being tardy to games, meetings, practices, performances, camps, and/or other events without permission from the activity sponsor or coach;
 - < Being absent from games, meetings, practices, performances, camps, and/or other events without permission from the activity sponsor or coach;
 - < Engaging in acts of poor sportsmanship, such as cheating, using profane language, or taunting other participants;
 - < Being insubordinate to a coach or sponsor;
 - < Being disruptive during a game meeting, practice, performance, camp, and/or other event;
 - < Violating the established rules or guidelines of a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates;
 - < Violating the District's standards for dress and grooming or the standards set for the specific extracurricular activity; and
 - < Engaging in general misconduct prohibited by the District's Student Code of Conduct.

Note 1: Students placed in DAEP are ineligible to participate in or attend extracurricular activities pursuant to Texas Education Code § 37.006(g).

Note 2: The standards of the ECC are independent of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in a student being disciplined under both standards.

5. Consequences for Not Meeting Standards

5A. Students participating in extra-curricular activities who fail to adhere to organizational standards **3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D** will be disciplined by the organizational sponsor, coach, director of athletics, or school administration. **Possible disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to:**

- demerits;
- calisthenics;
- running;;
- other forms of corporal punishment;
- verbal warnings;
- parent conferences;
- suspension from performance(s); and
- suspension from the practice and performance for the season, etc.

5B. Students participating in extra-curricular activities who fail to adhere to organizational standard **3E**, as set by the University Interscholastic League, will be suspended from performance(s) and/or practice(s) until they have achieved the UIL academic standard for participation.

5C. Students participating in extra-curricular activities that fail to adhere to organizational standard **3F** will be disciplined by the sponsor, coach, director of athletics, or school administration. **Possible disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to:**

- demerits;
- calisthenics;
- running;
- other forms of corporal punishment;
- suspension from performance(s) and/or practice(s); and
- suspension from practice and performance for the season, etc.

5D. Students participating in extra-curricular activities that fail to adhere to organizational standard **3G** will be disciplined in accordance with the **BCISD Policy for Random Drug Testing**. This shall include exclusion of the student from all extra-curricular activities and operating motorized vehicles on BCISD property.

Consequences Continued

5E. Students participating in extra-curricular activities that fail to adhere to organizational standard **3H** will be disciplined as follows:

1st Offense

Tobacco – First Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended for up to 30% of scheduled, extra-curricular contests and/or performances. Student may continue to attend practices during suspension period.

Alcohol – First Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended for up to 30% of extra-curricular activities, contests and/or performances. Student may continue to attend practices during suspension period.

DUI and other alcohol, felony offenses may double the punishment up to 60 % of extra-curricular activities, contest and / or performances. Student may continue to attend practices during suspension, but driving privileges on BCISD campuses are prohibited.

Drugs/Controlled Substances – First Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended up to 60 calendar days from all extra-curricular activities, practices, and operating a motor vehicle on district property. Compliance with reinstatement provisions of the BCISD Policy for Random Drug Testing prior to reinstatement.

Felony offenses may enhance punishment up to one calendar year.

2nd Offense

Tobacco – Second Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended for up to 30% of extra-curricular activities, contests and/or performances including after school practice.

Alcohol – Second Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended for up to 60% of extra-curricular activities, contests and/or performances including after school practice.

DUI and other alcohol-related, felony offenses may double punishment up to 120 calendar days. Student may be suspended from all extra-curricular activities, including practices. All driving privileges on BCISD campuses are revoked during suspension.

Drugs/Controlled Substances – Second Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended from all extra-curricular events, practices, and operating a motor vehicle on district property for up to one calendar year. Compliance with reinstatement provisions of the BCISD Policy for Random Drug Testing prior to reinstatement.

Consequences Continued

3rd Offense

Tobacco – Third Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended from all extra-curricular events, including practices, for one calendar year.

Alcohol – Third Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May be suspended from all extra-curricular events, including practices, for one calendar year.

DUI and other alcohol-related, felony offenses may result in permanent dismissal from all extra-curricular activities and forfeiture of privileges of operating a motor vehicle on district property for the remainder of the student's enrollment in BCISD schools.

Drugs/Controlled Substances – Third Confirmed or Adjudicated Offense

May result in permanent dismissal from all extra-curricular activities and forfeiture of privilege of operating a motor vehicle on district property for remainder of student's enrollment in BCISD Schools.

Note 3: All offenses related to drugs / controlled substances, alcohol, and tobacco are cumulative during the enrollment of a student in BCISD from the beginning of Grade 7 through completion of grade 12.

Note 4: Suspensions may start in one school year and carry over to the next school year. Days of summer vacation and student holidays shall not count as days of suspension.

Note 5: The consequences included in this handbook are for guideline purposes only and more extensive disciplinary action may be taken for each offense when all circumstances surrounding the offense are considered. Such action may include extended periods of suspension and up to permanent removal from all extra-curricular activities for each offense.

5F. Student placement within the **Alternative Education Program** will be cumulative from the first day of instruction through the last day of instruction on a yearly basis. Students placed in the Alternative Education Program will be disciplined as follows:

Alternative Education Program – First Confirmed Placement

Suspension from participation in extra-curricular activities and practices for the duration of the A.E.P. placement.

Alternative Education Program – Second Confirmed Placement

Suspension from all extra-curricular events, including after school practices, for 60 calendar days *or the length of the DAEP placement, whichever is longer.*

Alternative Education Program – Third Confirmed Placement

Suspension from all extra-curricular events, including practices, for one calendar year *or the length of the DAEP placement, whichever is longer.*

Note 6: Consequences may be enforced during student's present, in-season extra-curricular activity and / or the next scheduled in-season extra-curricular activity. A single punishment will be assigned for each offense. The punishment may overlap more than one activity and / or school year.

6. Procedures

Who Determines that a Violation of the ECC has Occurred?

The activity sponsor, coach, or administrator will determine whether a violation of the ECC has occurred and will assess the appropriate consequence. Modifications to such consequences may be determined and implemented at the discretion of the campus principal or designee.

How will Consequences be Assessed for Different Violations of the ECC?

Consequences for violating the District's ECC are assessed based on the severity of the violation and the commission of prior ECC violations.

Is a Student Entitled to Participate in Extracurricular Activities?

No. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. As such, a student's participation may be revoked at the District's discretion.

How Will Parents be Notified that a Violation of the ECC has Occurred?

Parents will be notified of all violations *that result in suspension from participation* in extracurricular activities. The activity sponsor or coach will contact the student and the student's parent via telephone or face-to-face conference within 5 school days from the time the activity sponsor or coach learns of such a violation. At this time, the activity sponsor or coach will inform the parent and student that a violation of the ECC has occurred, discuss with them the applicable consequences, and give the student an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

What if a Parent Does Not Agree with the Decision?

All appeals will be addressed through the District's complaint process, contained in policies FNG (Legal) and (Local). A decision of the Bridge City ISD Board of Trustees regarding an extracurricular activity complaint is final and cannot be appealed.

Note 7: When enrolled in an extra-curricular activity that is accompanied by a companion class, students under extra-curricular suspension may remain enrolled in the class. *Students with suspensions of 30 days or more may be removed from the companion class.*

Note 8: *For the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct purposes, adjudicated means to settle judicially.* Deferred adjudication does not infer innocence for the purposes of the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct. A judge may, after receiving a plea of guilt or plea of nolo contendere, defer further proceedings without entering an adjudication of guilt, and place the defendant on community service. In effect, if the defendant complies with the conditions of probation as ordered by the judge for a specified period of time, the defendant would receive the benefit of not actually being found guilty of the offense as charged. However, for the purposes of this code of conduct, students receiving deferred adjudication may be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action.

7. Acknowledgment

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by **Bridge City ISD's** Extracurricular Code of Conduct for the **2009-2010** school year. I understand that I will be held accountable for the behavior expectations and consequences outlined in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. I understand that by participating in extracurricular activities, I am a representative of Bridge City ISD and a role model to my peers and throughout the community; therefore, the Extracurricular Code of Conduct governs my behavior at all times, and applies both on and off school property. I understand that the behavior expectations of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct are in addition to those included in the Bridge City ISD Student Code of Conduct. I understand that violations of the behavior standards of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in my being disciplined under both the Extracurricular Code of Conduct and the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Campus:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Grade Level:

Date:

Student Signature:

Date:
