



STEPHENVILLE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Developing the Potential of Every Student, Every Day

Stephenville ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct 2021-2022

Statement of Expectations:

The Stephenville Independent School District believes that being involved in extracurricular activities is an honor. Participation in one or more of these activities should be considered a privilege, not a right.

The following are expectations of our students:

- Obtain a quality education as the primary reason for attending school
- Compete at the highest level while promoting good sportsmanship and courteous behavior
- Exhibit positive leadership
- Develop and maintain high morals and ethics values
- Exhibit conduct becoming of a young lady or gentleman
- Exhibit respect to coaches, faculty, officials, opponents and fellow students
- Develop and show school pride

Standards for District Extracurricular Activities

Stephenville ISD students are expected to adhere to the *District Student Code of Conduct* as it applies to school-related and/or school sponsored activities. Prior to participation in a Stephenville ISD Extracurricular activity, students and parents must also agree to abide by all guidelines outlined in the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*. Students involved in extracurricular activities are expected to maintain high standards of ethical conduct. Extracurricular participation is a privilege and not a right. Any misconduct that reflects negatively on the Stephenville Independent School District will fall under these Codes of Conduct. These guidelines are developed to deal with misconduct that occurs within the school's jurisdiction as well as outside of the school's jurisdiction, regardless of time or location. Disciplinary action or suspension will be mandated to students who are involved in any disciplinary infraction on or off campus, including, but not limited to possession or use of drugs, improper use of prescription medications, alcohol or tobacco, violent behavior, any inappropriate behavior including presence at functions where illegal substances are being consumed and other offenses that results in the violation of the district Code of Conduct, which in turn results in a ISS (other than tardies or dress code), DAEP, Off Campus Suspension or expulsion. In the event that a student is responsible for multiple violations prior to the initial investigation it may be determined that a higher-level consequence be deemed appropriate.



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The Stephenville Independent School District encourages student participation in extracurricular activities. SISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program with this important difference: while participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the District whether or not they are actively performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and whether or not they are wearing uniforms or other clothes that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as SISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total SISD student body at all times and places. Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

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I. Extracurricular Activities / School Sponsored Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” as used in this Code means all activities sanctioned by the Texas University Interscholastic League (“UIL”) and for which the UIL conducts interscholastic competitions including sports, music, and academic teams. In addition, the term “extracurricular activities” includes, but is not limited to, Cheerleading, Stings, Student Council, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Yearbook, iChampion Journal, UIL Academics, FFA, FCCLA, HOSA, Science Club, Student Athletic Trainers, 4H, Robotics, Soy Importante, Bass Club, Skills USA, Art, Flag Runners, Athletics, Band, Theater, DECA, and Choir.

II. Jurisdiction

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, SISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* extends beyond the *SISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline.

*** This code applies at all times and applies to conduct on or off campus, while participating in an activity or not, during the school calendar year, and during holidays, summer and weekends.**

*** Each organization may enforce additional consequences if addressed in the individual constitutions/handbooks.**



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III. Prohibited Conduct

SISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

- Possessing, using, or issued a citation for tobacco products;
- Possessing, consumption, or issued a citation for alcoholic beverages;
- Possessing, consumption, or issued a citation for illegal drugs or any drug paraphernalia;
- Misusing prescriptions drugs or non-prescription drugs or other mood-altering substances;
- Commission of an unlawful act

NOTE: Attendance at social events (i.e. wedding reception, a professional sporting event) where alcohol is served to adults is not a violation of this Code because alcohol is not being served illegally.

IV. Alcohol, Tobacco Products, Drugs and Paraphernalia

TOBACCO, VAPING, CIGARETTE, E-CIGARETTE, AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO

The first violation (in addition to any disciplinary consequences from the Code of Conduct) will result in:

1. Placed on one week (calendar) suspension from all activities and clubs, but must be present during regular practice time.
2. Parent conference scheduled as soon as possible to review action taken and discuss referral for counseling.
3. School provided or documented counseling.

A second violation (in addition to any disciplinary consequences from the Code of Conduct) involving tobacco occurring at any time during a student's high school career will result in a three week (calendar) suspension from all activities and clubs, but must be present during regular practice time.

Each subsequent violation (in addition to any disciplinary consequences from the Code of Conduct) involving tobacco occurring any time during a student's high school career will result in a six week (calendar) suspension from all activities and clubs, but must be present during regular practice time.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, LOOK-ALIKE DRUGS, AND PARAPHERNALIA

The first violation (in addition to any disciplinary consequences from the Code of Conduct) will result in:

1. Placed on one week (calendar) suspension from all activities and clubs, but must be present during regular practice time.
2. Parent conference scheduled as soon as possible to review action taken and discuss referral for counseling.
3. School provided or documented counseling before returning.

A second violation (in addition to any disciplinary consequences from the Code of Conduct) involving alcohol, drugs, look-alike drugs, or paraphernalia occurring at any time during a student's high school career will result



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in a six week (calendar) suspension from all activities and clubs, but must be present during regular practice time.

Each subsequent violation (in addition to any disciplinary consequences from the Code of Conduct) involving alcohol, drugs, look-alike drugs, or paraphernalia occurring any time during a student's high school career will result in dismissal from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

Suspension from organization/activity will begin from the date of the administrative conference.

V. Commissions of an Unlawful Act

COMMISSION OF AN UNLAWFUL ACT

A serious, unlawful act (i.e. theft, destruction of property, etc.) could result in suspension from all extracurricular activities. Administrative discretion will be used to the broadness of this.

VI. Establishing Violation

Violations of this policy may be established by:

1. Student admission
2. Admission by the parent/guardian of the student
3. Violation witnessed by SISD staff member
4. Issuance of a local agency report or citation



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Stephenville ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct Signature Page

This page must be signed by both the student and parent/legal guardian of the student and returned to the coach or activity sponsor before the student can participate in the activity.

Signing this sheet signifies that the student and parent/legal guardian of the student has read and understands the procedures and punishments set aside for a violation of the Stephenville ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

Student's Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

This signature page must be signed and turned into the offices of the Coaches, Sponsor, or Director prior to any practice or competition.