

# Robinson ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct 2016-2017



Adopted by the RISD Board of Trustees on  
July 27, 2015

# Robinson Independent School District Extracurricular Code of Conduct

Adopted by RISD Board of Trustees

## 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 council 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 3. Conduct Expectations

#### 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:

- Maintain an average of 70% or better in all academic courses, except as provided in District policy FM (Legal);
- Be punctual and prepared for all games, practices, meetings, performances, camps, and/or other scheduled events related to an extracurricular activity;
- Treat all school property with respect and ensure that school property is returned upon request and in good condition (excluding reasonable wear and tear);
- Abide by the District's dress and grooming standards for students as well as any dress and grooming standards applicable to the specific extracurricular activity;
- Comply with UIL rules, including those related to random steroid testing, if applicable;
- Be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, spectators, parents, and officials, whether from Robinson ISD or from any other school district;
- Provide 2 hours advance written notice to the coach or sponsor of an activity if they are unable to attend a game, practice, meeting, performance, and/or other scheduled event related to the extracurricular activity;
- Comply with all rules and guidelines in the ECC and those established for a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates;
- Comply with and adhere to the behavioral standards identified in the District's Student Code of Conduct; and,
- Adhere to the Robinson ISD Drug Testing Program as provided in District policy FNF (Local).

## 4. Prohibited Conduct

### What Conduct is Prohibited for Extracurricular Activity Participants?

#### Category A Violations:

- Engaging in theft, destruction, or misuse of school district property;
- Failing to return school property as directed where the property is valued at more than \$100;
- Engaging in hazing, harassment or bullying of others as defined by the Robinson ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- Buying, selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of 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.
- Engaging in any activity that results in an arrest regardless of the time or place

#### Category B Violations:

- 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;
- Failing to return school district property;
- 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:** Students placed in DAEP are ineligible to participate in or attend extracurricular activities pursuant to Texas Education Code § 37.006(g).

**Note:** 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

### The Demerit System:

Consequences for violating the conduct expectations of the ECC will be assessed based on a system of demerits. When an activity sponsor or coach determines that one or more demerits should be issued, the activity sponsor or coach will notify the student, either verbally or in writing, and offer the student an opportunity to respond verbally prior to issuing the demerit(s).

**Category A Violations** will result in a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 demerits, at the discretion of the activity sponsor or coach and appropriate campus administrator. The number of demerits issued will be based on the nature and severity of the violation, and on the student's past history of engaging in violations of the ECC.

**Category B Violations** will result in a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 demerits, at the discretion of the activity sponsor or coach and appropriate campus administrator. The number of demerits issued will be based on the nature and severity of the violation, and on the student's past history of engaging in violations of the ECC.

Each school year, participants in extracurricular activities will begin with no demerits. However, any consequences that were assessed during the prior school year and for which the student owes additional suspension or behavior contract time must still be completed. For example, a student who was suspended from participation/attending for 20 school days during the last week of school may have an additional 15 days of suspension to complete beginning with the next school year.

The following is an example for a student receiving 15 demerits: a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student would be prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school career and could not attend any extracurricular activity for the remainder of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year and the entire 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.

**Definition:** "**days**" and "**weeks**" means school days and weeks, but also includes any non-school days or weeks in which an extracurricular competition or event occurs, such as camps during the summer or on school holidays.

### 3 Demerits:

The student will be suspended from participating in or attending any extracurricular activity for 10 school days.

### 5 Demerits:

The student will be suspended from participating in or attending any extracurricular activity for 20 school days for Category B violations and 30 school days for Category A violations and will be placed on a behavior contract for 12 school weeks.

### 7 Demerits:

The student will be suspended from participating in and attending any extracurricular activity for 45 school days and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the school year.

### 10 Demerits:

The student will be suspended from participating in and attending **all** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any applicable events during the summer months.

### 15 Demerits:

The student will be suspended from participation in **all** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus. In addition, the student will be suspended from attending **all** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the current school year plus the following school year.

**Definition:** "**suspension**" means that the student will not be permitted to participate in or attend any competition, contest, scrimmage, performance, or election associated with an extracurricular activity. The student may continue to participate in practices.

## 6. Procedures

### **Who Determines that a Violation of the ECC has Occurred?**

The activity sponsor or coach will determine whether a violation of the ECC has occurred and will assess the appropriate consequence.

### **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 Robinson ISD Board of Trustees regarding an extracurricular activity complaint is final and is not appealable.

## 7. Acknowledgment

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Robinson ISD's Extracurricular Code of Conduct for the 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 Robinson 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 Robinson 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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## Robinson ISD Extracurricular Activity Participant Behavior Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_[student name], a participant in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [list extracurricular activity(ies)] agree to abide by the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, including all conduct expectations and the consequences. I understand that by participating in extracurricular activities, I am a representative of the school district and a role model for my fellow students, and as such, I am held to a higher standard of behavior.

I recognize that I violated those standards by engaging in the following violation(s) of the \_\_\_\_\_ ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[student should describe violations in detail].

I understand that my continued participation in extracurricular activities is contingent upon my successful completion of this Behavior Contract.

I pledge to do the following: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for completion: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I do not successfully complete this contract by the specified deadline, I will be suspended from participation in and attending all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the current school year. I understand that if the end of the current school year is within 4 school weeks of the deadline for completion listed above, failure to successfully complete this Behavior Contract will result in my suspension for the remainder of the current school year in addition to the entirety of the next semester.

Student Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_