

POINT ISABEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Point Isabel Independent School District (“PIISD” or “the District”) encourages student participation in extracurricular activities. PIISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while 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 clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as PIISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total PIISD 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.

Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, clubs, special interest clubs, extracurricular fine arts, student government and any other activities or group that participates in contests, competition, community service projects or performances on behalf of or as representatives of PIISD. The term includes any non-curricular event or membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized or approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or campus.

Jurisdiction

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, PIISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* extends beyond the *PIISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. In case of a conflict between this *Code* and the activity or sport specific campus handbook, this *Code* will prevail.

This *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* will be enforced with all students participating in extracurricular activities:

- regardless of whether school is in session;
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the *PIISD Student Code of Conduct* will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the *PIISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *PIISD Student Code of Conduct*.

Prohibited Conduct.

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

- Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages illegally.
- Possessing or consuming illegal drugs or possessing or using any drug paraphernalia.
- Misusing prescription drugs or non-prescription drugs or other mood-altering substances.
- Attending or remaining at any activity where illegal alcohol consumption is occurring.
- Attending or remaining at any activity where illegal drugs are present or being used.
- Attending or remaining at any activity where prescription or non-prescription drugs are being misused, or where other mood-altering substances are being used.
- Being arrested for a crime or remaining at any activity where illegal actions are taking place.
- Inappropriate use of social media to include but not be limited to possessing, sending, forwarding, posting accessing or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation or the district's reputation or illegal.
- Any offense involving drugs, alcohol, weapons, violence.
- Any behavior deemed to be inappropriate and/or that would reflect poorly on the District based on the standards set forth in this Code.

Off Campus Behavior

Any student that participates in an extracurricular activity within PIISD represents the District and the community and is held to a high standard of conduct. A student can be suspended or dismissed from extracurricular activities at the discretion of the Principal in consultation with the coach/sponsor for the behaviors listed above.

Notice of Due Process

Before a student is suspended or removed from participation in an extracurricular activity, and before any other consequence is imposed as provided in this Code, the alleged infraction of the rule will be documented and a reasonable investigation of the allegation shall occur. The Principal or designee shall then schedule a conference with the student and the student's parent to explain the reasons for which the action is being taken and to offer the student an opportunity to present their side.

Individual Activity/Extracurricular Regulations and Handbooks

In cooperation with the campus administration, activity coaches/sponsors are authorized to develop individual activity codes of conduct and handbooks to address minor infractions or offenses identified as "General Conduct Violations" in the PIISD Student Code of Conduct. A student's participation in a particular extracurricular activity is conditioned upon the student's compliance with the requirements and standards of behavior set forth in the individual extracurricular activity regulations, the PIISD Student Code of Conduct, and the Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct. Activity coaches/sponsors with approval of the Principal may take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the activity, against a student who violates any required standard of conduct. The program coach/sponsor in cooperation with the campus Principal has the authority to develop the specific guidelines for membership within their individual extracurricular activity regulations. Final approval of the individual extracurricular activity regulations in each area will be given by the appropriate PIISD Administrator or designee. Due to the vast differences among the various extracurricular groups, the individual program codes of conduct are developed for the purposes of defining the specific requirements within the organization.

Equipment

Any District equipment issued to a student is the financial responsibility of the student and for the student's use while participating in a school-related activity/organization. Students must care for District-issued equipment as if it were their own. Equipment must be properly stored, in the proper location, and shall be kept clean and maintained. Students who lose or damage District equipment will be required to pay for the cost of replacement. All District equipment must be returned at the end of the season or school year, as directed by the coach/sponsor. Exceptions would be for musical instruments issued to the student over the summer. Individually owned equipment is the sole responsibility of the student; PIISD will not be responsible for any loss or damage that occurs to student-owned equipment. If uniforms are required for an activity/organization, the student shall

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be required to ensure that the uniform is worn only at appropriate times and is neat and clean for the practice, performance, competition, or game/tournament. A fee for the maintenance, dry cleaning, or laundering of the uniform may be collected.

Travel

Students who have the opportunity to travel in connection with the PIISD extracurricular activity/organization are representatives of the District and must exhibit exemplary behavior at all times. Students who dress or act inappropriately while traveling to or from a PIISD activity may be suspended or removed from the activity or organization, depending upon the nature of the misconduct. When feasible, such action should be taken in consultation with the principal or designee. All students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to ride in school sponsored transportation when provided to and from the event. Students may be released to the parent prior to the end or at the end of the trip if the parent has submitted the request in writing 24 hours prior to the event to the coach/sponsor. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the coach/sponsor or administrator.

Students involved in travel shall:

- Be on time for all trips;
- Dress neatly and in compliance with the District dress and grooming code;
- Be on their best behavior in restaurants and hotels;
- Care for any equipment assigned to the student and return it to the proper storage location upon return to the school;
- Be on their best behavior while on the bus or other vehicle; and
- Promptly obey all instructions given by the coach/sponsor or any adult chaperone.

General Rules of Conduct

Students who participate in extracurricular activities shall comply with the following rules of conduct at all times. Students who participate in extracurricular activities shall:

- Show respect for all officials and staff.
- Participate in every practice, competition, performance, game, tournament, and event required by the coach/sponsor, unless the coach/sponsor has granted an excused absence.
- Arrive promptly, properly attired, for every practice, competition, game, tournament, etc., unless the coach/sponsor has granted an excused absence/tardy.
- Adhere to the grooming standards established by the individual activity sponsor's regulations.
- Demonstrate a sportsmanlike behavior.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude.
- Be polite to others.
- Exemplify honesty in all school work.
- Maintain good conduct in their classes.
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior while engaged in school-related travel.
- Follow all rules, policies and procedures set forth by the extracurricular activity coach/sponsor

Students who demonstrate a lack of ability to adhere to the General Rules of Conduct will be subject to suspension or dismissal from the activity. The school Principal, acting in consultation with the coach/sponsor can suspend/dismiss a participant at their discretion.

Attendance and Tardies

Students engaged in extracurricular activities are expected to participate in all practices, performances, competitions, games, tournaments, and other events identified by the coach/sponsor. The coach/sponsor will identify times for required practices, performances, competitions, games, tournaments, etc., at the start of each semester for fine arts or at the beginning of the sport or program activity season. The coach/sponsor has the discretion to modify the schedule as needed.

Extracurricular Activity Conflicts

- **Activities sponsored by PIISD**

In the case of a conflict between PIISD sponsored student activities, extracurricular or otherwise, coaches/sponsors will work together to accommodate the student so that the student may participate in all activities to the extent possible. UIL and other PIISD sponsored performances, games, or competitions will take precedence over clinics and/or practices. Priority will be given to state, area, district or other playoff

competitions in the event of a scheduling conflict. Students involved in multiple PIISD sponsored activities shall not be penalized by a grade reduction or limitation on further participation based upon such a conflict.

- **Activities sponsored by outside organizations**

In the case of a conflict between PIISD-sponsored student activities and student activities sponsored by outside organizations, UIL and other PIISD sponsored performances, games, competition, clinics and/or practices will take precedence over the activity sponsored by the outside organization. Absences or tardies to PIISD extracurricular activities due to schedule conflicts with activities sponsored by outside organizations will be unexcused. Consequences for unexcused absences or tardies due to participation in outside organizations will be at the discretion of the PIISD coach/sponsor.

Extracurricular Absences in a School Year

For participation in an extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the District, UIL, or an organization sanctioned by the Board, the District shall make no distinction between absences for UIL activities and absences for other extracurricular activities approved by the Board. A student shall be allowed a maximum of ten extracurricular absences during a school year; however, the District shall permit a student unlimited absences for extracurricular activities from a class in which the student is passing.

Participation in Activities on a Day/Partial Day of Absence

Students should be in attendance at school to participate in practice/competition after school that day or to participate in an extracurricular activity that day/night. A student absent from school for any portion of a school day shall provide a note from a parent/guardian that describes the reason for the absence. Students may not participate in extracurricular practice or any event on the day of an absence or partial absence without permission of the campus principal in consultation with the coach/sponsor. Failure to attend school the day after an extracurricular event can result in suspension from the next scheduled event.

Students who fail to appear for a scheduled event without a written excuse from the student's parent may be prohibited from participating in the next scheduled activity. Student absences from extracurricular activities shall be excused for only those reasons set forth by the coach/sponsor. Excessive unexcused absences may result in suspension or dismissal from the activity/organization. Students under a doctor's care for an injury are expected to attend any practice, performance, game, or other event relating to the activity/organization but will be allowed to participate only to the extent authorized by written order of the student's physician.

Students should make every effort to schedule healthcare appointments at times that will not interfere with school or extracurricular activity participation. If a conflict is unavoidable, the student shall inform the coach/sponsor prior to the appointment and provide written documentation from a health care provider or parent/guardian, acceptable to the coach/sponsor.

Disciplinary Infractions and Loss of Extracurricular Privileges

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In addition to obeying rules set forth in the PIISD **Student Code of Conduct**, the particular extracurricular activity constitution, handbook, rule book, and/or regulations, if any, or rules otherwise communicated to the student by the activity's coach/sponsor, participating in any PIISD extracurricular activity shall comply with the **Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct** will be disciplined as outlined below:

General Conduct Guidelines

Students participating in extracurricular activities are prohibited from minor infractions, as outlined in the PIISD Student Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action will be applied by coaches/sponsors of extracurricular activities, as deemed appropriate, for any minor offenses.

Removal from the Regular Education Setting

Students participating in extracurricular activities are prohibited from the following behaviors as outlined in the PIISD **Student Code of Conduct**:

1. Behaviors resulting in In-School Suspension (except for Tardy)

Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the **minimum** consequences that may be administered.

Any student removed from the regular educational setting and assigned to In-School Suspension, shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities as outlined below:

- For the term of the ISS the student can participate in a practice but cannot participate in any form of competition/performance. ISS assigned on a Friday, or the day before holiday in which a game is not scheduled would result in the student not participating in a competition/performance on the following day. The coach/sponsor may take additional disciplinary actions.

The principal shall make all final disciplinary action decisions in consultation with the coach/sponsor.

2. Behaviors resulting in Out-of-School Suspension from School.

Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the **minimum** consequences that may be administered.

Any student suspended from school, shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities as outlined below:

- 1st Offense Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for the term of the suspension.

- 2nd Offense Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for up to 10 school calendar days, at the discretion of the principal in consultation with the coach/sponsor.
- 3rd Offense Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the semester.

The principal shall make all final disciplinary action decisions in consultation with the coach/sponsor.

3. Behaviors resulting in Disciplinary AEP Assignment (Mandatory or Discretionary)

Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the **minimum** consequences that may be administered.

Any student removed from the regular educational setting and assigned to DAEP shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities as outlined below:

- 1st Offense Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for the term of the placement.
- 2rd Offense Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for up to 10 school calendar days, at the discretion of the principal in consultation with the coach/sponsor.
- 3rd Offense Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the year.

The principal shall make all final disciplinary action decisions in consultation with the coach/sponsor.

The campus Principal shall make all final disciplinary action decisions. Any appeal of the decision is subject to the District grievance policy [FNG(LOCAL)] Student/Parent Complaint/Grievance Policy.