Seguin ISD
Extracurricular Activity Handbook
Grades 6-12

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Extracurricular Activity Handbook: General Provisions

This Extracurricular Activity Handbook is being developed in accordance with Seguin ISD Board Policy FO(LOCAL), which states:

> "With the approval of the principal and Superintendent, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.
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> A student shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or when the student first begins participation in the activity. A student and his or her parents* shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity.
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> Standards of behavior for an extracurricular activity 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 independent disciplinary actions.
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> A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of extracurricular standards of behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct."

*Please be aware the term "parent," unless otherwise noted in this publication, is used to refer to the parent, legal guardian, any person granted some other type of lawful control of the student, or any other person who has agreed to assume school-related responsibility for a student.

What is an Extracurricular Activity?

An Extracurricular Activity includes:

- 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 king/queen). Individuals nominated for such honors should be vetted to include attendance, grades, discipline, or other criteria, as appropriate.

- 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.

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.

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.

Does the Extracurricular Code of Conduct apply to student speech?

Yes.

Student speech which does not occur on campus or during an extracurricular activity may be regulated in the following circumstances:

- Speech that contains threats aimed at a school or its population, a school employee or other students;
- Speech that is bullying or harassment targeting a school employee or other students;
- Speech that materially and substantially interferes with the operation of the extracurricular activity or the rights of others; or
  Speech that constitutes obscenity.

In addition to the above, student speech which occurs on campus or during an extracurricular activity may be regulated in the following additional circumstances:

- Speech that can be reasonably regarded as promoting illegal activity and/or drug use; or
- Speech that is vulgar and lewd, and therefore contrary to the school's basic educational mission.

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:

- Comply with and adhere to the behavioral standards identified in the District's Student Code of Conduct.
- 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, if applicable;
- Abide by all UIL Rules, as appropriate. Non-UIL activities will abide by UIL rules for attendance and grades for participation.
- Be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, spectators, parents, and officials, whether from Seguin ISD or from any other school district;
- Comply with all rules and guidelines in the ECC and those established for a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates.

What conduct is prohibited for Extracurricular Activity participants?

Category A Violations:

- Engaging in theft, destruction, or misuse of school district property;
- Engaging in hazing, harassment or bullying of others as defined by the Seguin ISD 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 intentional actions that endanger the health and safety of any participant or spectator.
- Creating, sending, posting, transmitting, or participating in the transmission of any message, video, photo or other digital content that promotes illegal or obscene activities;
- Engaging in conduct prohibited by the District's Student Code of Conduct that is punishable by placement in DAEP or expulsion.

Category B Violations:

- 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;
- Failing to return school district property as directed;
- Engaging in general misconduct prohibited by the District's Student Code of Conduct;
- Violation of any other rules, regulations, or bylaws established by the organization.

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

Participants in extracurricular activities or co-curricular activities are students first, and they are bound by the Student Code of Conduct first. All violations of the SCC are handled administratively first. Extracurricular/co-curricular organizations can then issue consequences above and beyond the administrative consequences.

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.

Consequences

Category A Violations:

Category A Violations are processed at the campus level under the Student Code of Conduct first. An organization of which a student is a participant may issue a consequence in addition to the consequence assigned at the campus level.

Upon return to the home campus, a student who is placed at the district's alternative education program (DAEP), the organization shall place the student on a behavior contract. The contract shall last until a minimum of the end of the following nine weeks.

Category B Violations:

General misconduct violations of the Student Code of Conduct are processed at the campus level. An organization of which a student is a participant may issue a consequence in addition to the consequence assigned at the campus level.

Any other Category B Violations will be processed by the organization(s) of which the student is participating.

At the discretion of the head coach, director, sponsor, etc. when a student commits repeated (at least two instances) of Category B Violations, the student may be placed on a behavior contract.

*__Severe clause__–At the discretion of the administration, head coach, director, sponsor, etc., a consequence appropriate to the level of the infraction can be issued at any time.

Procedures

Who determines that a violation of the ECC has occurred?

First, if the infraction is a SCC violation, an administrator will process the infraction similar to any other SCC violation. The administrator will then notify the coach, director, sponsor, etc. of the infraction.

Then, 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?

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. As such, a student's participation may be revoked at the District's discretion, in accordance with the rules and regulations established in Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, the ECC, and those rules established for a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates.

How will parents be notified a violation of the ECC has occurred?

Parents will be notified via phone call, email, or face-to face meeting of all violations that result in suspension from participation in extracurricular activities by the organization's sponsoring adult (head coach, band director, sponsor) within 24 hours of the assigned consequence. Applicable consequences will also be discussed once the student has been given the 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 Board Policy FNG(LOCAL).

Acknowledgement

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Seguin ISD's Extracurricular Code of Conduct for the 2025-2026 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 Seguin 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 Seguin 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:

_____

Campus:

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Grade Level:

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Student Signature:

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Parent/Guardian Name:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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Date:

_____

Date:

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SEGUIN ISD EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY
PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

I, _____(student name), a participant in _____(list extracurricular activities) previously agreed to abide by the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, including all conduct expectations and the consequences. I understood and accepted the fact 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 and can be subjected to disciplinary consequences that other students are not subject to.

I recognize that I violated the standards expected of me by engaging in the following violation(s) of the Seguin ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct:

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(student must describe violations in detail)

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

I pledge to do the following:

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Deadline for completion: _____

_____ _____

Student name Student Signature

_____ _____

Parent name Parent Signature

_____ _____

Head Coach/Sponsor name Head Coach/Sponsor signature

Date _____

CC: Head Coach/Campus Athletic Director or Coordinator/Campus Principal