

## **Alvin ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct 2012-2013**

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. The Alvin ISD 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 school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other items that identify the student to the community or public in any setting as Alvin ISD students. Their representation of the organization goes beyond the participation in activities and for this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Alvin ISD 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.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Alvin ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants in 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 Alvin ISD Student Code of Conduct and beyond the organizations' by-laws and constitutions not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. Each organization shall abide by its individual constitution and by-laws. If a serious infraction of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct occurs, the consequences noted in the Extra Curricular Code of Conduct shall apply. The Extracurricular Code of Conduct will not supersede the state or national constitution.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct will be enforced with respect to all students grades 6 through 12 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 AISD Extracurricular 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 violated the AISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violate the AISD Student Code of Conduct.

## **PHILOSOPHY OF AISD EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

School-sponsored extracurricular activities and organizations are meant to serve as avenues for leadership development or practice in using skills, attitudes, and knowledge that will help students prepare for post-secondary experience. The goal is to contribute to the development of well-rounded citizens.

## **DEFINITIONS**

An extracurricular activity [AISD Board Policy FM (LEGAL)] is an activity sponsored by the UIL, the Board of Trustees, or an organization sanctioned by Board resolution. The activity is not necessarily directly related to instruction of the essential knowledge and skills, but may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to: public performances, contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities. In addition, an activity is subject to this policy if any one of the following criteria applies:

- The activity is competitive;
- The activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered extracurricular;
- The activity is held on or off campus; or
- The general public is invited.

“Teacher”, as it is used in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct, includes coaches, activity/organization sponsors, directors, and other district staff who are responsible for overseeing an extracurricular activity/organization.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR RULES OF CONDUCT**

As representatives of AISD, students in grades 6 through 12 who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior and dedication, whether at school or away. Extracurricular organizations operate within the parameters of a constitution or written participation by-laws that sponsors or coaches of the individual organizations adopt for participation in those activities. The campus principal shall review and approve all extracurricular organizations’ constitutions or guidelines. Before a student is suspended or removed from participation in an extracurricular activity, and before any other consequence is imposed as provided in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct, the teacher shall document the alleged infraction and a reasonable investigation of the allegation shall occur. Additionally, the teacher shall notify the campus principal of the alleged infraction for an independent investigation under the AISD Code of Student Conduct. After completing the investigation, the teacher shall then schedule a conference or telephone 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 discuss the matter. Consequences imposed under this Extracurricular Code of Conduct may be appealed to the campus principal, and then to the Superintendent or his designee whose decision shall be final. An appeal must be in writing and received within five (5) school days following the decision to administer the consequence under the Extracurricular Code of

Conduct, otherwise the appeal is untimely. The student may not participate in the activity/organization during the appeal process.

## **CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THE AISD STUDENT CODE CONDUCT**

### **Serious Offenses:**

A student, who is involved in **Serious Offenses, as defined in the AISD Code of Student Conduct, is subject to disciplinary consequences in accordance with the AISD Student Code of Conduct will receive those consequences and may also receive consequences or experience loss of privileges in extracurricular activities.** Students who are removed from the home campus for disciplinary reasons and placed in DAEP or JJAEP are not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities during the period of removal. Students who are placed in In-School Suspension (ISS) may practice but may not participate in extracurricular activities during the times of their placement in ISS.

**A student who is placed in ISS or given at-home suspension for ten or more cumulative days during the school year shall lose the privilege of participating in any extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year.** The student is eligible to try out for the next school year but may not participate in any events or practices during the current school year.

### **DAEP - ADAPT, Expulsion to JJAEP**

**Placement in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program, or Expulsion to JJAEP shall result in removal from all extracurricular programs for the duration of the placement and for the remainder of the current school year.** The student is eligible to try out for the next school only after the placement time has been completed.

### **Loss of privilege-Deferred Adjudication, Probation, Felony or Class A Misdemeanor**

A student in grades 6 through 12 shall lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities during any period of:

- deferred adjudication,
- probation,
- while under indictment for a felony, or
- while awaiting a final determination of guilt or innocence in connection with either a felony or any offense punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor, whether the felony or offense was committed on or off campus.

## **CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THE AISD EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT**

In addition to the above-described prohibited conduct, AISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited **at all times and regardless of where the conduct occurs** from:

- Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages illegally. In Texas, the only time a minor may

legally consume or possess alcohol is when the parent or legal guardian is “visibly present when the minor possesses or consumes the alcoholic beverage.”

- Possessing or consuming illegal drugs or possessing or using any drug paraphernalia;
- Misusing prescription drugs or non-prescription drugs or other mood-altering substances;
- Possessing or using tobacco products illegally;
- Knowingly attending or remaining at any activity where illegal alcohol consumption is occurring and/or where illegal drugs are present or being used. Attendance at social events (i.e. wedding receptions, professional sporting events, etc.) where alcohol is served to adults is not a violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct;
- Knowingly attending or remaining at any activity where prescription or non-prescription drugs are being misused, or where other mood-altering substances are present or being used; and/or
- Engaging in bullying or hazing, whether in person or via any electronic format, as those terms are defined in AISD Board Policy and the AISD Code of Student Conduct.

Nothing in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct limits a teacher’s ability to enforce consequences for violations of team or organizational rules, even if not specifically listed.

## **Consequences**

- First Offense:

The penalty for a first offense is suspension from current or nearest competitive season or activity for a maximum of three weeks or 30% of the season, whichever is greater. The length of the suspension and the other consequences for a first offense will be at the discretion of the teacher responsible for the extracurricular activity. In addition, if the student holds an office within the extracurricular activity, whether elected or appointed, the student shall be suspended from the office for the duration of the activity suspension. The student may also not be allowed to travel on overnight trips for the duration of the suspension.

- Second Offense:

One year suspension from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

- Third Offense:

Upon a third violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, the student shall be suspended and prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities for the remainder of his or her attendance in AISD.

## **Offseason Infractions**

The term “off-season” is defined as a time period when there is no direct involvement in the athletic activity, or when school is not in session. Consequences for offseason infractions are

imposed in the next in-season sport in which the student participates. Fine Arts (Band, Choir, Dance Team, Cheerleading, Speech, Debate, etc.) are always in season, and therefore, the consequences for any infraction will be imposed at the next scheduled event if the extracurricular consequence is not otherwise fulfilled during the student's discipline under the AISD Code of Student Conduct.

**Acknowledgement of Student**

This is to acknowledge that a copy of the AISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct has been issued to me. I have read and understand the information contained in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

Student's Name **(please print)**: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities or Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement of Parent/Guardian**

\* I understand and consent to the student responsibilities set forth in the *AISD Student Code of Conduct* and *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*. I also understand and agree that my child shall be held accountable for the behavior expectations and consequences set forth in the AISD Student Code of Conduct and Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

\* I also understand that in addition to obeying rules set forth in the AISD *Student Code of Conduct*, all students participating in AISD extracurricular activities will be required to comply with the guidelines and disciplinary regulations contained in the organization constitution and by-laws Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

\* I also understand that the AISD Extra-curricular Code of Conduct is not a substitute for the AISD *Student Code of Conduct* or AISD *Board Policies*. I understand that the AISD policies and procedures can change at any time. Additionally, I have been advised that my child's participation in extracurricular activities and extracurricular organizations, including interscholastic athletics, is a privilege, not a right. Since extracurricular activities are optional, I understand and agree that those who choose to participate will be held to higher standards of behavior and performance in and out of school.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) **(please print)**: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to your teacher/sponsor or coach**