



2018-19
Lubbock-Cooper ISD
Extracurricular
Student Code of
Conduct

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I. Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, pom squad, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of Lubbock-Cooper ISD. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Lubbock-Cooper 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 clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as a Lubbock-Cooper ISD student.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork and respect for authority.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Lubbock-Cooper 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 Student Code of Conduct* extends beyond the Lubbock-Cooper ISD *Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. Students participating in athletics will also be subject to the *Lubbock-Cooper ISD Athletic Code of Conduct*. This *Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct* will be enforced with all students grade 9-12 participating in extracurricular activities.

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

III. Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary actions by the coach or sponsor:

- Student commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however, students may not quit one sport or organization in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he or she quits is still active unless approved by the sponsor or coach.

Specific to athletics: If an athlete enters an athletic program and decides to withdraw, then:

- The decision to withdraw must be made in the first three weeks of practice; and,
- The athlete must meet in person with the head coach before withdrawing.

If the athlete fails to comply with either provision, then that athlete will not be allowed to enter a different athletic program or school activity until the season of the sport that the athlete withdrew from has concluded.

If the athlete withdrew from a sport in the above allowed two-step manner, or withdrew prior to the start of the season, then the athlete will be allowed to try-out for the program in subsequent seasons without question. The head coach will still have final determination based on the try-out whether the athlete is put on the team roster or not.

- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involved competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior towards a visiting team or hosting teams as well as opponent's fans. Lubbock-Cooper ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play.
- LCISD and its athletic department has contracted for the services of a team physician or his designee who is solely responsible for the care and medical treatment of all athletes during the time they are participating in LCISD athletic events. No other individual including parents are permitted to administer any type of medical treatment to an athlete during the time they are participating in the athletic event which includes pre-game/event and post-game/event. No medications may be administered by any other individual than the team physician or his designee. If any medications are administered by anyone other than the team physician or his designee while the student is at the event, the student will not be permitted to participate in the athletic event.
- A student placed in "out-of-school" or "in-school" suspension may be subject to further disciplinary action by the sponsor of the activity or the coach of his/her sport and/or the Athletic Director. A report of misconduct in the classroom will be handled in the same manner.
- A student found guilty of a felony by law enforcement agencies is subject to punishment and/or expulsion from the extracurricular or athletic program.
- A student found guilty of stealing or willfully destroying school property and/or that of a fellow student may be removed from LCISD extracurricular programs.

- Students should arrive to practices, meetings and events on time and prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice, meeting or event should call the coach or sponsor as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Missed practices, meetings or workouts will be made up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken. Failure to make notification with a sponsor or coach may result in the student being held out of the next contest. If a student has an unexcused absence from school, he/she may be held out of the next contest.
- Students are expected to maintain favorable attitudes and conduct during the off-season classes and athletic periods. If the attitude/or conduct of the student become a detriment to others in the program, the student may be dismissed.
- Students will abide by the hair/dress code as stated in the student handbook. When traveling as a group or team, he/she will dress appropriately for the occasion as deemed by the sponsor or coach.
- Students who use social media, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, cell phones, texting or emails, to transmit words or images that are vulgar, obscene, threatening, lewd, sexting, or harassing, whether on or off school property, may be subject to disciplinary actions by the coach or sponsor.
- The conduct of students participating in extracurricular activities will be closely observed. It is important that his/her behavior be above reproach in the following areas: **Alcohol:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated. **Drugs:** Please see *Board Policy FNF (Local)*
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *Lubbock-Cooper ISD Student Code of Conduct*. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities determined by the coach or sponsor.

IV. Drug Testing

Students involved in competitive after-school extracurricular activities during the school year shall be drug tested per *Board Policy FNF (Local)*

If a student is involved in a drug or alcohol related incident (either inside or outside of school) the following actions will be imposed:

Students who “self-admit” to a sponsor, coach, or administrator that he/she violated the alcohol/drug use policy will also face the same procedure when dealing with disciplinary action concerning drugs and/or alcohol.

First offense:

- The student's parent shall be contacted.
- The student shall be suspended from all contests and competitions for 14 calendar days, and the student shall participate in a District-led drug and alcohol counseling program.
- During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

Second offense:

- The student's parent shall be contacted.
- The student shall be suspended from all contests and competitions for 30 calendar days, and the student shall participate in a District-led drug and alcohol counseling program.
- During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

Subsequent offenses:

- The student's parent shall be contacted.
- The student shall be suspended from all contests and competitions for 60 calendar days, and the student shall participate in a District-led drug and alcohol counseling program.
- During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

If the suspension was instituted because of a failed drug test and the student wishes to return to participation in extracurricular activities, the student must be retested at the end of the period of suspension and have a negative test result.

If violation occurs on campus or at a school related function, penalty is determined by the student code of conduct.

If a student's off-campus or off-season actions and or conduct become a detriment to the team or program, the student may be removed from the team or program.

V. Disciplinary Action

- Each extracurricular activity may have specific conduct expectations in addition to the expectations outlined in the *Lubbock-Cooper ISD Student Code of Conduct and Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct*.
- Extracurricular expectations apply to all students participating extracurricular activities, regardless of whether:
 - School is in session;
 - The offense occurs on or off school property or at a school related event
 - The student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
 - The extracurricular activity is in-season; and regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.
- The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his or her assessment of the situation.

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