



**CISD EXTRACURRICULAR
STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR
GRADES 7-12**

**“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort,
but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Section Synopsis:

This section provides guidelines and procedures for any student participating in extracurricular activities. Organizational standards of behavior of an extra-curricular 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. Information regarding student removal from participating in extracurricular activities or exclusion from school honors for violations of organizational standards is included in this section also.

CISD Extracurricular Standards of Behavior

Grades 7-12

With the approval of the principal and superintendent, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics and marching band, 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. No provision of an extracurricular behavioral standard shall have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex, race, disability, religion, or ethnicity.

Students shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or, in the case of interscholastic athletics and marching band, at the time the students report for workouts or practices that occur prior to the actual beginning of classes. Students and their 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.

Organizational standards of behavior of 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.

A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of organizational standards of behavior of an extracurricular activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. [FO (LOCAL)]

Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, 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 the District. 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 a campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Standards of Behavior*.

Academic Eligibility

The standard for scholastic eligibility shall be that all individual grades be 70 or higher for each six weeks. A student who earns a grade lower than a 70 will be suspended for three weeks from participation in extracurricular competitions/performances during or after school. This “no pass-no play” rule is a state law. During academic suspensions, students are required to participate in practices/rehearsals.

Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Crowley 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 Crowley ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Crowley 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, Crowley ISD 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 Standards of Behavior extends beyond the Crowley ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This Extracurricular Standards of Behavior will be enforced with all students grades 7-12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- regardless of whether school is in session;
- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- 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 Crowley ISD 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 Extracurricular Standards of Behavior and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the Crowley ISD Student Code of Conduct. [FO (LOCAL)]

Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action 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 quit is still active. **Coaches of each sport or organization may allow students to participate in another sport while the sport or club that he or she quit is still active if evidence/circumstances warrant this action.**
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. Crowley ISD participants will be known for clean and tough competitive play. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability.
- Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should call the coach, sponsor, team captain, or club president 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 if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester.
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting or event are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group.
- Students are required to show respect at all times to coaches and sponsors.
- Students should refrain from wearing hair styles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves. Male students participating in sports may be required to be clean shaven.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the Crowley ISD Student Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach, sponsor, and/or principal.

Prohibited Conduct

Crowley ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

- possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products;
- possessing or using drug paraphernalia;
- possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind;
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug;
- possessing, dispensing, delivering, or administering an anabolic steroid. Anabolic steroids are for medical use only, and only a physician can prescribe use. Under state law, body building, muscle enhancement, or the increase of muscle bulk or strength through the use of an anabolic steroid or human growth hormone by a healthy student is not a valid medical use and is a criminal offense;
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the CISD Student Code of Conduct;
- attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises);
- riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol;
- stealing;
- conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures;
- fighting;
- any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers;
- inappropriate touching including “making out” in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public;
- inappropriate behavior in public places.

Disciplinary Procedures

The coach, sponsor, or administrator will determine whether an Extracurricular Standards of Behavior violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an Extracurricular Standards of Behavior violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- the principal or principal’s designee, and/or the CISD Executive Director of Athletics; and
- the student and the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- the appropriate school counselor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.

Due Process Procedures

Students who are accused of violating the CISD Extracurricular Standards of Behavior are entitled to the following due process:

1. The student shall be advised of the disciplinary infraction with which he or she is being charged.
2. The student shall be entitled to a conference with the appropriate administrator leveling the charges against him or her.
3. The student will be able to respond to any charges leveled by the administrator against him or her.
4. The student may provide any additional information he or she wishes for the administrator to consider.

5. The administrator(s) may interview material witnesses or others with evidence concerning the case.
6. The administrator(s) will consult and follow the five levels of offenses and consequences which represent violations of the Extracurricular Standards of Behavior.
7. The student's parent(s) will be notified of the violation(s) and consequences in a timely manner.

Nothing in this Extracurricular Standards of Behavior limits the authority of a coach or sponsor to impose reasonable sanctions, including extra workouts, for students who breach team or organization conduct expectations but do not engage in prohibited conduct. A referral must be made to the school administrator for students who violate Levels II – V of the Extracurricular Standards of Behavior.

Disciplinary Action

Coaches, sponsors, and administrators will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in determining punishment for Extracurricular Standards of Behavior violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion.

Students participating in extra-curricular activities and who are not in compliance with the District Student Code of Conduct, Extracurricular Standards of Behavior, campus policies, rules, regulations and directives, or extra-curricular activity guidelines are subject to suspension or dismissal without resort to probation.

No student shall possess, conceal, use, convey to another, attend, remain, or be in the presence of drug/alcohol activity, or offer for sale, or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage, illegal drugs, non-prescribed drugs, prescribed drugs illegally used, look alike drug, or any mind altering substance. A student will abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of CISD and the laws of the community at large. Included in the prohibition are any substances represented as controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and tobacco. A violation of this policy by any student who participates in any extracurricular activity shall be deemed in violation of the CISD Extracurricular Standards of Behavior and the student shall be subject to the penalties described herein. Penalties for violation of this Extracurricular Standards of Behavior shall apply to both athletic and extracurricular participation concurrently.

This Extracurricular Standards of Behavior must be signed before the student participates in any extracurricular tryout, practice, game, or event. The student will be subject to the Extracurricular Standards of Behavior for the entire calendar year.

The Extracurricular Standards of Behavior shall be deemed to have been violated under the following circumstances: (1) when a student is observed in violation of the Extracurricular Standards of Behavior by school personnel, or, (2) when a student has been charged by any law enforcement officer with an activity prohibited by this code, or, (3) by an admission of violation by the student or his parents, or, **(4) when a student brings discredit to himself/herself or the school (including but not limited to being at an underage party where drugs/alcohol are present, vandalism, fighting, theft, etc.).**

Self-Referral/Parental Referral

Any student or parent may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling, and/or treatment in regard to use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Voluntary or parental referrals do not carry punitive consequences on the first referral. **A self-referral/parental referral, however, is not to be used by students and parents as a method to avoid consequences once an alcohol and/or drug policy violation has occurred.** All self-referrals by student/athlete must begin by informing a staff member, coach/advisor, or Executive Director of Athletics/Administration.

The objective of this Extracurricular Standards of Behavior is to instill in students a respect for good citizenship in the form of positive peer pressure. A student's failure to maintain good conduct, regardless of whether the behavior is school-related, will be grounds for disciplinary action ranging from counseling from the activity sponsor to immediate suspension or withdrawal from the office, honor or extracurricular activity depending on

the severity of the misconduct. Notices of the alleged violation and an opportunity for the student to tell his/her story (due process) will occur before denying participation in an extracurricular activity.

Based on the philosophy that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege which must be earned by meeting acceptable academic and conduct standards, **the District has identified five levels of offenses and consequences which represent violations of the Extracurricular Standards of Behavior.**

Level I Coach/Sponsor Intervention

| LEVEL I OFFENSE | CONSEQUENCE(S) |
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| Any violation not listed as Level II, III, IV, or V offense in reference to this code or the Student Code of Conduct. | Will be determined by each activity sponsor/coach. Examples: verbal reprimand, extra conditioning, additional assignments. |
| Any violation of an individual organization's rules. Examples: tardy, no costume, equipment, sportsmanship, travel, practice, contests, etc. | Will be determined by each activity sponsor/coach per the organization's policy approved by the campus principal. Examples: verbal reprimand, extra conditioning, additional assignments. |
| Second placement to In-School Suspension (ISS). | Will be determined by each activity sponsor/coach. Examples: verbal reprimand, extra conditioning, additional assignments. |

Level II Coach/Sponsor/Administrator Intervention

| LEVEL II OFFENSE | CONSEQUENCE(S) |
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| Any misbehavior which results in suspension from school | The student will be suspended the next performance from each extracurricular activity he/she is involved in at the conclusion of the investigation. |
| Third placement and each subsequent placement to ISS within the same semester. | The student will be suspended one performance or game from each extracurricular activity he/she is involved with if the performance/game occurs within three weeks at the conclusion of the investigation. * |
| First documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of tobacco, in any form (cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, etc.) regardless of where the behavior occurs. | The student will be suspended one performance or game from each extracurricular activity he/she is involved with at the conclusion of the investigation. * |

* If the activity is not in season, this consequence will carry over to the first performance or game in the next season for non-senior, one-sport participants, or spring sports.

Level III Coach/Sponsor/Administrator Intervention

| LEVEL III OFFENSE | CONSEQUENCE(S) |
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| First documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of alcohol regardless of where the behavior occurs. It is the expectation of CISD that students participating in extracurricular activities make reasonable attempts to avoid situations where alcohol is present. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for three weeks at the conclusion of the investigation. |

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| First documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of drugs regardless of where the behavior occurs. It is the expectation of CISD that students participating in extracurricular activities make reasonable attempts to avoid situations where drugs are present. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for six weeks at the conclusion of the investigation. |
| Behavior resulting in a <i>discretionary</i> placement in the District's Alternative Education Program (DAEP). | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for one week upon completion of the placement to DAEP. |
| Second suspension from school. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for one week at the conclusion of the investigation/suspension. |
| Second documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of tobacco regardless of where the behavior occurs. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for three weeks at the conclusion of the investigation/suspension. |

* If the activity is not in season, this consequence will carry over to the first performance or game in the next season for non-senior, one-sport participants, or spring sports.

Level IV Coach/Sponsor/Administrator Intervention

| Level IV OFFENSE | CONSEQUENCE(S) |
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| Second documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of alcohol regardless of where the behavior occurs. It is the expectation of CISD that students participating in extracurricular activities make reasonable attempts to avoid situations where alcohol is present. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for six weeks at the conclusion of the investigation/completion of DAEP placement (if applicable). |
| Second documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of drugs regardless of where the behavior occurs. It is the expectation of CISD that students participating in extracurricular activities make reasonable attempts to avoid situations where drugs are present. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for one calendar year at the conclusion of the investigation/completion of DAEP placement (if applicable). |
| Behavior resulting in a <i>mandatory</i> placement in DAEP. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for three weeks after successful completion in DAEP. |
| Behavior resulting in second <i>discretionary</i> placement in DAEP within the same school year. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for one calendar year or the duration of the placement in DAEP, if longer. |
| Third documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of tobacco regardless of where the behavior occurs. | The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities including after school practices for six weeks at the conclusion of the investigation. |

* If the activity is not in season, this consequence will carry over to the first performance or game in the next season for non-senior, one-sport participants, or spring sports.

Level V Coach/Sponsor/Administrator Intervention

| LEVEL V OFFENSE | CONSEQUENCE(S) |
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| Fourth documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of tobacco regardless of where the behavior occurs. | The student is suspended from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year, or may be permanently suspended from the activities , at the conclusion of the investigation or may be removed permanently per the organization's approved policy guidelines.* |
| Third documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of alcohol regardless of where the behavior occurs. It is the expectation of CISD that students participating in extracurricular activities make reasonable attempts to avoid situations where alcohol is present. | The student is suspended from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year, or may be permanently suspended from the activities , at the conclusion of the investigation or may be removed permanently per the organization's approved policy guidelines.* |
| Third documented violation verified by school district officials or law enforcement resulting from the possession or use of drugs regardless of where the behavior occurs. It is the expectation of CISD that students participating in extracurricular activities make reasonable attempts to avoid situations where drugs are present. | The student is permanently suspended from extracurricular activities at the conclusion of the investigation. |
| Behavior that results in expulsion from the District. | The student is suspended from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year at the conclusion of the investigation or may be removed permanently per the organization's approved policy guidelines.* |

* Suspension from extracurricular activities means a removal from the activity or sport when it is in season. If a violation occurs prior to the start of the season, or after the end of the season for the current academic year, the consequences will become effective at the beginning of the next season's start date.

* Club and/or sporting organizations that have policies which are approved by the principal may permanently dismiss a student from that activity for any of the above violations. [FO (Local)]

A student office holder who commits an offense may be removed from office.

Appeal Process

If an appeal is required, the Principal (per FNG Local) or his designee will review the decision of the Executive Director of Athletics or Assistant Principal(s). During this appeal procedure the decision of the Executive Director of Athletics or Assistance Principal(s) shall continue to be enforced.

Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Crowley ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. However, Crowley ISD will provide secondary insurance covering participation in practice or competition for athletes. The coverage for each injury will vary according to the accident. More detailed information can be obtained by calling the Athletic Department (817-297-5248).

We will answer any questions you have concerning our athletic program regarding insurance and injuries.