Lindale ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct

UIL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A student will be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities subject to the following restrictions:

A student who receives, at the end of any grade evaluation period, an average grade below 70 in any academic class, other than an identified advanced class, or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP), may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three (3) weeks. A student may practice or rehearse while suspended for academic reasons. The student regains eligibility when the principal and teachers determine that he/she has: (1) earned a passing grade [70 or above] in all academic classes other than those that are advanced; and (2) completed three weeks of suspension.

Any disciplinary behavior related restrictions on participation are explained in the DISCIPLINE section of this handbook. Also refer to the Student Code of Extracurricular Conduct. Students involved in UIL and extracurricular activities are subject to random drug testing. Details of this program will be provided by the coach or sponsor of each activity. A student who misses class because of participation in an activity sponsored by a non-approved organization will receive an unexcused absence.

RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM FOR LINDALE ISD

1. Objectives
    A. To provide a deterrent to drug use for Lindale High School students.
    B. To provide a drug education program for those students who test positive for drug use and for those students who are at risk for drug use.
2. Plan
    A. To test a minimum of thirty students at least five times a year. Those dates will be determined by either the athletic director, principal, or athletic trainer.
    B. The students will be selected at random from a pool of all students involved in extracurricular activities and those choosing to park on the Lindale High School campus.
    C. All active students (male and female) involved in Lindale ISD extracurricular programs or parking on campus at Lindale High School will be subjected to this testing program.
    D. The method of screening is by an independent laboratory using an accepted immunological screening procedure. All drugs detected by the screen will be confirmed by the MS/GC before being reported as being detected.
    E. Testing will be administered by qualified lab personnel and professional staff
    F. Each student that is selected will be required to provide a urine sample or hair sample to the designee during the time constraints described in part four (4).
3. Drugs To Be Tested For:
    Amphetamines
    Barbiturates
    Benzodiazepine
    Cocaine

Methaqualone
Opiates
*codeine, heroin, morphine, papaverine
Phencyclidine (PCP)
Tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) marijuana
Alcohol (at random)
Inhalants (at random)

4. Testing Procedures and Protocol
   A. Random Testing:
      All students in extracurricular activities grades 7 -12 and those choosing to park on campus at Lindale High School will be eligible to be tested during the entire school year. A predetermined number of the participants' names will be randomly selected from a computer program at least 5 times per school year. They will be required to submit a urine sample or hair sample immediately upon request. All specimens will be collected, adhering immediately to a strict chain of custody.
   B. All positive screenings will be confirmed by the student's admission and/or an additional test from a split sample which may include Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry testing by an independent laboratory.
   C. The lab personnel will take the specimens collected to the lab at the hospital. The hospital lab will send the specimens to an independent lab for processing. The independent lab will send the results to either the athletic director, principal, or athletic trainer.
   D. Noncompliance by any student with the above testing procedures will be considered a violation of this policy. Noncompliance will also be reported to the athletic director and/or principal.
   E. Any student who refuses to be tested or leaves the premises for any reason during testing will be referred to the athletic director and/or principal. Sanctions will be the same as a positive drug test result.
5. Confidentiality
   A. The collection and coding of specimen samples are executed in a manner insuring total confidentiality and proper identification.
   B. Test results are known only by the students, parent/guardian, athletic trainer, athletic director, principal, head coach/sponsor and superintendent of schools.
   C. All test results shall be destroyed when the student is no longer in school.
6. Sanctions for Positive Testing
   A. All offenses are cumulative for the student's career.
   B. The following disciplinary measures will be taken for any student testing positive to a drug test and/or any student reported by law officials as to have been involved with drug activity (selling, buying, use of, possession of drug paraphernalia).
   C. Any student that tests negative but shows traces of a controlled substance in the specimen will be required to be tested on each subsequent testing date. Parents will be notified.
   D. Any adulterant found in any sample will be treated as a positive test.

First Offense
Procedures:

1. Student must complete 2 sessions of counseling in a drug educational program.
2. Approval of athletic director or principal and coach/sponsor before reinstatement of privileges.

3. Notification of parent/guardian to discuss the student's sanctions.

Sanctions:
1. Suspension for a minimum of 30 days.
2. Student must be retested at the end of the 30 day suspension, test clean of any drugs and complete required counseling sessions before reinstatement.
3. Student will be required to drug test on each test date thereafter until cleared, and continue to be tested for three more tests. The student must test clean of any drugs and complete required counseling sessions before reinstatement.

Second Offense
Procedures:
1. Student must complete 5 sessions of counseling in a drug educational program.
2. Approval of athletic director or principal and head coach/sponsor before reinstatement of privileges.
3. Notification of parent/guardian to discuss the student's sanctions.

Sanctions:
1. Suspension for a minimum of 90 days.
2. Student must be retested at the end of the 90 day suspension. Student will be required to drug test on each test date thereafter until cleared, and continue to be tested for three more tests. The student must test clean of any drugs and complete required counseling sessions before reinstatement.

Third & Subsequent Offense
Procedures:
1. Student must complete 10 sessions of counseling in a drug educational program.
2. Approval of athletic director or principal and head coach/sponsor before reinstatement of privileges.
3. Notification of parent/guardian to discuss the student's sanctions.

Sanctions:
1. Suspension for 365 days
2. Student must be retested at the end of the 365 day suspension. Student will be required to drug test on each test date thereafter until cleared, and continue to be tested for three more tests. The student must test clean of any drugs and complete required counseling sessions before reinstatement.

Lindale ISD will not be responsible for any cost incurred during drug education.

LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

I. Extracurricular Activities
The term "extracurricular activities" means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, academic clubs, CTE Student Organizations, 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 Code of Conduct.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Lindale 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 Lindale ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Lindale 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, Lindale 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 Code of Conduct extends beyond the Lindale ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This Extracurricular Code of Conduct 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 inseason；and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the Lindale 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 Code of Conduct and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the Lindale 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 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.
- 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. Lindale ISD participants will be noted for clean, 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 madeup；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 hairstyles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves. Male students participating in sports are required to be clean shaven.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the Lindale 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 or sponsor.

IV. Prohibited Conduct

Lindale ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from: The following are considered **major** violations.

* 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；
* Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals；
* Stealing；
* Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or Class B Misdemeanor or above citation from law enforcement office.
* Inappropriate contact in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public；
* Assaulting or attempting to assault another person.
* Unlawful carrying of weapons.
* Mob action or demonstrations which disrupt the extracurricular or instructional program.
* Membership in a gang or participation in a gang or gang like activity.
* Any conduct that is punishable by placement in an AEP.

V. Procedures

The Principal, coach and/or sponsor will determine whether an Extracurricular Code of Conduct violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an Extracurricular Code of Conduct violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- The student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- The appropriate school counselor/sponsor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.

Nothing in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct 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.

VI. Disciplinary Action

Coaches and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in meting out punishment for Extracurricular Code of Conduct violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the abovementioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- suspension from all extracurricular activities for the following time periods:
  - Minor Offense – To be determined by coach; not to exceed 10 days
  - 1st Major Offense - 30 Days + 2 sessions of counseling before being able to be eligible
  - 2nd Major Offense - 90 Days + 5 sessions of counseling before being able to be eligible
  - 3rd Major Offense - 365 Days + 10 sessions of counseling before being able to be eligible
- removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense.

The principal will have the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his or her assessment of the situation.

VII. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Lindale ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. However, Lindale ISD will carry 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 Lindale ISD office, (903)881-4050. We will answer any questions you have concerning our athletic program of insurance and injuries.

VIII. Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.