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I. Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill/dance 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 Code of Conduct*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Hudson 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 students to the community or public in any setting as Hudson ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Hudson 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, Hudson 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 Hudson 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 in-season; and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the *Hudson 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 and could violate the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *Hudson 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. Hudson 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. Each activity will decide when 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 act in a respectful manner at all times. This includes appropriate verbal and physical communication with or towards teammates, coaches, officials, HISD employees and parents. This also includes dress and attitude.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *Hudson 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.
- Any other conduct expectation articulated by coaches and/or sponsors for specific teams/organizations.

IV. Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Offenses

Hudson ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from the following:

Minor offenses

- possessing, smoking, selling, or otherwise using tobacco products on campus or at any school-related activity, or when prohibited by law; and
- possessing or using electronic cigarettes or accessories on campus or at any school-related activity, or when prohibited by law.

Major offenses

- possessing or using drug paraphernalia that has drug residue;
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, 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; and
- assignment to the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

Hudson ISD student/athletes are required to notify their head coach or Athletic Director of any violations resulting in a citation from any law enforcement officer. The head coach and Athletic Director will determine if any further discipline action is warranted. Failure to report the citation to the head coach or Athletic Director may result in the immediate suspension and removal from athletics for one calendar year from the date of discovery.

V. Procedures

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

Upon determination of a student's breach of conduct expectations, coaches and/or sponsors have the authority to impose reasonable sanctions including extra workouts, suspension from practice or competition, or removal from the activity.

Upon determination of a student's prohibited conduct, the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified and appropriate disciplinary action will be enforced.

VI. Disciplinary Action

Coaches and/or sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and determine if it is a minor or major offense. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in determining punishment for *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned 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 Offenses

1st offense - suspension for 21 calendar days

2nd offense - suspension for 42 calendar days

3rd and subsequent offenses - suspension for 126 calendar days

Major Offenses

1st offense - suspension for 42 calendar days

2nd offense - suspension for 126 calendar days

3rd and subsequent offenses - suspension for one calendar year. After a period of one calendar year, the coach/sponsor and administration will determine reinstatement. Reinstatement will be based on such things as academic record, attendance, behavior record, and any other information deemed appropriate.

*At the discretion of the coach and/or sponsor, students may be allowed to practice for extracurricular activities during times of suspension.

Suspensions for behavior which is in violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct are cumulative from the student's initial date of enrollment in Hudson High School through his/her completion of the 12th grade.

Suspensions for behavior which is in violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct are cumulative from the student's initial date of enrollment in Hudson Middle School through his/her completion of the 8th grade.

VII. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Before the beginning of each season, a Parent Consent Form, Physical Examination Report, School Insurance information and Drug Consent Form signed by the parents must be filed with the school. Hudson ISD is not liable for accidents or injuries sustained by students participating in extra-curricular activities. **The option of participating in a school insurance program at parent expense is provided by the district to help in defraying the cost of such injuries/expenses.**

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.

Date _____

I have read the *Hudson ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Hudson ISD extracurricular activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

I have read the *Hudson ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and understand the requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Hudson ISD extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if her or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Please sign and return to Hudson ISD