

# **Rocksprings**

## **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct**  
**Grades 6-12**



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# Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct

## I. 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 Code of Conduct*.

## II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Rocksprings 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 Rocksprings ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Rocksprings 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, Rocksprings 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 *Rocksprings 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 6-12 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 *Rocksprings 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 *Rocksprings 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.
- 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. Rocksprings ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponents and do your best at all times.
- 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 show respect at all times to coaches and sponsors.
- Students should follow RISD Dress Code in the Student Handbook.

- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *Rocksprings 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**

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

- Possessing, smoking, selling, or otherwise using tobacco products;
- Possessing or using electronic cigarettes or other non-tobacco nicotine-delivery products or accessories
- 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;
- Engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the Rocksprings ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- Underage drinking, smoking, or drug use
- Riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent or guardian is present.
- 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.

## V. Procedures

The 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
- Administrator
- 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.

**Nothing in this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* limits the authority of a coach or sponsor to impose reasonable sanctions, which may include extra workouts, suspension from practice or competition, or removal from the activity, 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 meeting our 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:

### **First Offense: (Notify club sponsor of record of violation)**

The student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period of 10 consecutive days of practices, games, contests, or performances. Days with no practices, games, contests, or performances shall not count towards the 10-day suspension. If a student is not participating at the time, the student's suspension from participation shall begin five days before the first scheduled game, contest, or performance.

During the period of suspension, the student shall be required to participate in all practices. If a student misses a practice, that day shall not be counted as part of the 10-day suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the student may return to participation in extracurricular activities.

During the period of suspension, the student may not attend any games, contests, or performances (home or away). If a student violates this provision, days shall be added to the length of the period of suspension.

If the suspension period does not include contest/performance, the student will be required to miss the first contest/performance he/she is supposed to compete in (scrimmages do not count as a competitive contest)

\*\*If a student holds an office, elected or appointed, the student may be removed from the Office.

**Second Offense: (Notify club sponsor of record of violation)**

The student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period of 20 consecutive days of practices, games, contests, or performances. Days with no practices, games, contests, or performances shall not count towards the 20-day suspension. If a student is not participating at the time, the student's suspension from participation shall begin five days before the first scheduled game, contest, or performance.

During the period of suspension, the student shall be required to participate in all practices. If a student misses a practice, that day shall not be counted as part of the 20-day suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the student may return to participation in extracurricular activities.

During the period of suspension, the student may not attend any games, contests, or performances (home or away). If a student violates this provision, days shall be added to the length of the period of suspension.

If the suspension period does not include two contests/performance, the student will be required to miss the first two contests/performance he/she is supposed to compete in (scrimmages do not count as a competitive contest)

\*\* If student holds an office, elected or appointed, the student may be removed from the office.

**Third Offense:**

The student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period of 40 consecutive days of practices, games, contests, or performances. Days with no practices, games, contests, or performances shall not count towards the 40-day suspension. If a student is not participating at the time, the student's suspension from participation shall begin five days before the first scheduled game, contest, or performance.

During the period of suspension, the student shall be required to participate in all practices. If a student misses a practice, that day shall not be counted as part of the 40-day suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the student may return to participation in extracurricular activities.

During the period of suspension, the student may not attend any games, contests, or performances (home or away). If a student violates this provision, days shall be added to the length of the period of suspension.

If the suspension period does not include three contests/performance, the student will be required to miss the first three contests/performance he/she is supposed to compete in (scrimmages do not count as a competitive contest)

During the period of suspension, the student shall be required to participate in all practices. If a student misses a practice, that day shall not be counted as part of the 40-day suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the student may return to participation in extracurricular activities.

**Fourth Offense:**

Board/Superintendent review; consequences established at review

\* The student will continue to come to practice with their organization but will not be allowed to participate in any contest until after the suspension period has been completed.

\*\* Unfinished consequences must be completed before eligibility is granted.

# **Disciplinary Consequences on Drug Testing**

## **FIRST OFFENCE:**

A student who has a second confirmed positive drug test shall be subject to the following consequences:

1. The student assistance process team shall meet with the student and his/her parents/guardians to determine how the school may assist the student through a substance abuse counseling.
2. The student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period of 15 consecutive days of practices, games, contests, or performances. The 15 days shall begin on the day the principal is notified by the testing agency of a positive result. Days with no practices, games, contests, or performances shall not count towards the 15-day suspension. If a student is not participating at the time, the student's suspension from participation shall begin five days before the first scheduled game, contest, or performance.
3. During the period of suspension, the student shall be required to participate in all practices. If a student misses a practice, that day shall not be counted as part of the 15-day suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the student may return to participation in extracurricular activities.
4. During the period of suspension, the student may not attend any games, contests, or performances (home or away). If a student violates this provision, days shall be added to the length of the period of suspension.

In addition to services provided by the Student Assistance Process, the District shall again notify the parent and student of drug and alcohol abuse prevention resources available in the area.

## **SECOND OFFENSE**

A student who has a second confirmed positive drug test shall be subject to the following consequences:

1. The student assistance process team shall meet with the student and his or her parents/guardians to determine how the school may assist the student through substance abuse counseling.
2. The student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period of 25 consecutive days of practices, games, contests, or performances. The 25 days shall begin on the day the principal is notified by the testing agency of a positive result. Days with no practices, games, contests, or performances shall not count toward the 25-day suspension. If a student is not participating at the time, the student's suspension from participation shall begin five days before the first scheduled game, contest, or performance.
3. During the period of suspension, the student shall be required to participate in all practices. If a student misses a practice, that day shall not be counted as part of the 25-day suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the student may return to participation in extracurricular activities.
4. During the period of suspension, the student may not attend any games, contests, or performances. If a student violates this provision, days shall be added to the length of the period of suspension.

In addition to services provided by the Student Assistance Process, the District shall again notify the parent and student of drug and alcohol abuse prevention resources available in the area.

### **THIRD OFFENSE**

A student who has a third confirmed positive drug test shall be subject to the following consequences:

1. The student assistance process team shall meet with the student and his or her parents/guardians to determine how the school may assist the student through substance abuse counseling.
2. The student shall be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities for a period of one calendar year. The one-year suspension shall begin on the day the principal is notified by the testing agency of a positive result.
3. The student must successfully complete, at the parent's expense, an approved drug education/counseling program and submit proof of completion of the counseling program.
4. During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in nor attend any practices, games, contests, or performances. If a student violates this provision, days shall be added to the length of the period of suspension.

In addition to services provided by the Student Assistance Process, the District shall again notify the parent and student of drug and alcohol abuse prevention resources available in the area.

### **FOURTH OFFENSE**

Upon a fourth offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the District

### **APPEALS**

A student or parent may appeal a decision made under this policy in accordance with the student/parent complaint policy at FNG (LOCAL). The student shall remain ineligible pending the appeal.

- Removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense.

**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.**

## **VII. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities**

Rocksprings ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. However, Rocksprings 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 Rocksprings ISD. 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 for the 2021-22 School Year*. 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.