

ROUND ROCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRA CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

Extracurricular Activities

The term "extracurricular activities" means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, extracurricular fine arts performances, 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, will be subject to the provisions of this Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Round Rock 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 Round Rock ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Round Rock 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, Round Rock 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 Round Rock ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. In case of a conflict between this Code and the activity or sport specific campus handbook, the Code will prevail.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct will be enforced with all students grades 7th-12th participating in extracurricular activities:

- Regardless of whether school is in session;
- 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 Round Rock 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 Round Rock ISD Student Code of Conduct.

Prohibited Conduct

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

- Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers;

Procedures

The coach director 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:

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

Disciplinary Action

Coaches, directors, and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches, directors, and sponsors will strive for consistency and exercise sound professional discretion. School personnel may remove a student who violates the Extracurricular Code of Conduct from his/her current sport or school-sponsored activity. The person making the final determination regarding disciplinary action will have any relevant records pertaining to the student. 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 until one of the following choices has been completed:

1st Offense – Community service (documented) HS: 30 hours/MS: 15 hours

OR

Completion of sport/activity specific skill improvement drills to be determined by the coach, director or sponsor.

2nd Offense – Removal from the program

Nothing in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct limits the authority of a coach, director, 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.

Appeals

Questions or complaints from parents regarding disciplinary measures should be addressed to the campus administration, in accordance with Policy FOC (Local). A copy of this policy may be obtained from the principal's office or the central administration office or through Policy on Line at the following address: www.roundrockisd.org Disciplinary consequences will not be deferred pending the outcome of an appeal.

A. ROUND ROCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

A condition to participating in any Round Rock ISD 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 Round Rock ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Round Rock 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 Round Rock ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct and understand requirements for my child’s voluntary participation in Round Rock ISD extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

B. Medical Release

I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to participate in RRISD Cheerleading for 2011-2012. I fully understand that cheerleading activities involve motion, rotation, and height, in a unique environment, and as such, carry with them a reasonable assumption of risk. There are risks and dangers associated with participation in cheerleading including, but not limited to those of bodily injury, partial and/or total disability, paralysis, death, and property damage. I hereby release the coaches, its administrators, and employees from all claims from illnesses & injuries which may be sustained by my child and authorize the director/coach to select hospital facilities and/or the physician of his or her choice and authorize treatment of the above named participant on an emergency basis in the event such treatment becomes necessary while participating in the RRISD 2011-2012 Cheerleading season.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

C. Hazing Policy

I understand that hazing of any kind is not permitted by Round Rock ISD or tolerated in the extracurricular programs. This includes mental, verbal and physical acts. I further understand that it is my duty to report any acts of hazing that I see to a coach, director, or administrator. By signing below, I agree to uphold this policy and understand that any violation will result in my immediate suspension from extracurricular activities and further disciplinary action as outlined in District Code of Conduct.

Athlete’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date