

## ***Extracurricular Code of Conduct***

### **Philosophy**

Representing the El Paso-Gridley Community Unit School District # 11 is an important responsibility and privilege. The kind of image portrayed by students will reflect on the reputation of everyone associated with the school district. Consequently, any behavior projecting a negative image of the school district will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely. Activities covered under this code will include any extracurricular activity involving competition—baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, football, golf, jazz band, scholastic team, show choir, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

### **Duration**

This code is in effect for the duration of the athlete's career—grades 7-12. This code is also in effect the entire calendar year, including summers. Disciplinary consequences for violations occurring when the student is "out of season" or during the summer will be levied in the student's next period of competition. Students convicted of criminal activities will suffer consequences commensurate with the offense committed, ranging from a suspension to being barred from participation in all future activities. Any student who is dropped from an extracurricular activity because of academic, discipline, or chemical abuse reasons, or quits of his/her own accord, forfeits all rights to any type of award.

### **Chemical Abuse**

Involvement with chemicals will not be tolerated. Chemical use will be defined as the use, possession or transportation of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, paraphernalia, and any other illicit drug or look-a-like drug not prescribed by a physician.

**FIRST OFFENSE:** Student will be suspended for a period equal to 1/3 of the total competition scheduled for a regular season.

**SECOND OFFENSE:** High School students will be suspended for 20 IHSA calendar weeks, beginning with week 6 and ending with week 48. Junior High students will be suspended for 20 IESA calendar weeks, beginning with week 5 and ending with week 46.

**THIRD OFFENSE:** Student will be suspended for a calendar year.

An athlete's suspension may be reduced to one-half of the total penalty if he or she voluntarily turns himself/herself into an administrator, athletic director, or coach for a violation by 8:30 a.m. the next student attendance day, or before the next practice day on non-school days, for first offense violations only.

### **Academic**

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, students must pass all subjects and be in attendance the entire school day. Exceptions will be made for pre-arranged absences or emergencies. Academic eligibility will be checked weekly. Students failing a course on a weekly, grading period or semester basis will be ineligible for the next corresponding period of time.

### **Discipline**

Students engaging in behaviors resulting in a principal's detention or Saturday detention during the season of competition will be subject to the following extracurricular consequences:

**FIRST OFFENSE:** Discipline including, but not limited to, a conference with student, parent, etc.

**SECOND OFFENSE:** Student will be suspended for a portion of the next competition at that level. This is a minimum penalty—sponsors/coaches may impose a stricter penalty at their discretion: baseball/softball—3 innings, basketball—1 half, cheerleading—equal to the sport represented, cross-country—1 meet, football—1 quarter, golf—1 match, jazz band—1 competition, scholastic team—1 round of a match, show choir—1 competition, track—1 meet, volleyball—1 game of a match, wrestling—1 match.

**THIRD OFFENSE:** Student will be suspended the next competition at that level, and all competitions in between.

**FOURTH OFFENSE:** Student will be removed from the squad.

Students suspended for disciplinary reasons will be ineligible for competition during the period of suspension. If no competitions are scheduled during the period of suspension, the student will be suspended for the next scheduled competition following the period of suspension.

### **Transportation**

Students are to ride the bus to and from the extracurricular activity. The only exceptions will be if the student is riding home with their parent/guardian, grandparents, or a sibling over the age of 21. The student must receive prior approval from the sponsor/coach or the administration. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action from the sponsor/coach or administration. Special Circumstances will be dealt with on an individual basis by the administration.

### **Drug Testing**

Any student participating in extracurricular activities is subject to the district's random drug testing policy (*see separate policy*)

### **Medical Requirements**

Students participating in either girls or boys sports are required to have a doctor's physical examination and either school insurance or evidence of coverage under a family plan, etc. The exam and insurance or evidence of insurance coverage, must be completed before the athlete may participate in practice or competition.

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