

Silsbee Independent School District

Extracurricular Handbook

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Preface

Extracurricular activities provide Silsbee ISD students with opportunities to make positive impacts on themselves and the district. When students are involved in extracurricular activities, they are able to enhance their school experiences by bonding with other students with similar interests. Students learn responsibility, dedication, leadership, work ethics, respect for rules, respect for authority, and many other qualities that will help them live successful lives.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. When students put on the **maroon and white**, and compete for Silsbee ISD, they are not only representing themselves, they are representing the school and community. Because of this huge responsibility, high expectations are placed on students who choose to represent Silsbee ISD through participation in extracurricular activities. Students must understand that in addition to the campus handbooks and SISD Code of Conduct, more stringent rules may be placed on students who represent the district in extracurricular activities. Students who represent the district will be held to higher standards as they are role models for all other students in the district.

This handbook outlines the minimum expectations placed on students who participate in extracurricular activities. ***The coaches and sponsors of each sport, activity, and/or club may have even more stringent rules that students are expected to follow, and more severe consequences for not meeting the expected guidelines.***

Assignments

A student that misses class due to extracurricular activities is expected to pick up work missed prior to leaving for the activity. The student will be expected to join class and participate in any assignment or activity upon returning.

Attendance

Students must be in attendance through at least the state designated attendance period in order to participate in a scheduled contest or event. Students who are absent from school the entire day of the scheduled contest or event may not participate.

If a student receives an excused absence and is still considered in attendance for the day, as described in the Student Handbook under “EXCUSED ABSENCES”, the student may participate in the contest or event.

If the student is sent home for an illness or is at the doctor’s office for any reason the student must present a doctor’s release to the administrator on duty prior to participation in the contest or event. If no administrator on duty is present the coach or sponsor will accept the documentation. Otherwise, students must establish attendance during the school day as described above in order to participate.

(The principal has the right to override the Attendance guidelines if extenuating circumstances exist.)

DAEP Assignments

Students are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities, including practices, while they are assigned to P.A.C.E.S. When a student completes the P.A.C.E.S. assignment, reinstatement into extracurricular activities will be determined by the coach/sponsor of the sport/activity.

Dress Code

Students must, at a minimum, follow the dress code established by the campus. Coaches/sponsors have the right to enact more stringent dress codes.

Eligibility

Students must maintain eligibility rules established by the UIL and local policy in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

Hazing

Hazing of students will not be tolerated. Students caught hazing may be removed from all extracurricular activities.

ISS Assignments

Students assigned to ISS will have his/her participation in any extra-curricular activities reviewed by the administrator, coach, principal, and athletic director, and appropriate action will be taken. This includes after school athletic, band, choir, cheer, drill team, drama and all club activities.

Picking Up Students After Events

Parents/Guardians should make arrangements for their children to be picked up from the campus following after-hours activities. Coaches/sponsors will make sure that students and parents know times of events so that proper arrangements can be made to ensure that students are not waiting for extended amounts of time to be picked up following activities.

The coaches/sponsors of extracurricular activities have the right to discipline students who are not picked up from events in a timely manner. Students who routinely are not picked up in a timely manner may be removed from extracurricular activities.

Showing Disrespect or Embarrassing Behavior While Representing School

Any disrespectful behavior or behavior that embarrasses the school in any fashion will not be tolerated when students are representing Silsbee ISD at any event. Students who are disrespectful or embarrass the school while representing the school will face consequences appropriate to their actions. Removal from extracurricular activities may be warranted.

Social Media

Students in extracurricular activities should be aware that inappropriate posts on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat, may result in disciplinary action, including removal from extracurricular activities.

Transportation To and From Extracurricular Events

Students are required to use transportation provided by the school to and from extracurricular events. An exception to this rule may be granted under the following conditions:

- A parent/guardian may check the student out with the coach/sponsor following an event, or
- A person other than a parent/guardian may check the student out with the coach/sponsor following an event ***if the parent/guardian submits a note to the principal at least 24 hours before the event. The note should state who will be picking up the student.***

There may be times when the mandatory school transportation requirement may be waived by the principal. Such instances include, but are not limited to: school events taking place during the holidays; multiple school events occurring on the same day where the student is participating in both; funerals. When such instances occur, the principal, along with the

sponsor(s)/coach(es) of the events, may make an exception and allow the student to be transported to the event by means other than school transportation. Arrangements will need to be made as soon as the conflict is known and written approval will be required by the sponsor(s)/coach(es) and principal.

Tutorials

Students participating in extracurricular events will be required to attend tutorials if grades drop below 75 in any classes. They will attend the tutorials until the next grade reporting period (progress report or report card) and will only be released from tutorials if all grades are above 75.

Alcohol and Drug Use

(Remember, these are the minimum consequences. Some extracurricular activities may have more stringent consequences than are listed here, including immediate removal from the team/club/organization/squad.)

On Campus Possession/Use of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs

The use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs will not be condoned. Students who possess or use alcohol or drugs on campus or while at a school sponsored activity will be disciplined in the following manner:

Possession of Alcohol or Salvia:

1st Offense: 45 day PACES assignment, with no participation in extracurricular activities during PACES assignment.

2nd Offense: 45 day PACES assignment, with removal from extracurricular activities for remainder of school year.

Use or Under Influence of Alcohol or Salvia:

1st Offense: 90 day PACES assignment, with no participation in extracurricular activities during PACES assignment.

2nd Offense: 180 day PACES assignment, with no participation in extracurricular activities during PACES assignment.

Possession, Use or Under Influence of Drugs or K2:

1st Offense: 180 PACES assignment, with no participation in extracurricular activities during PACES assignment.

2nd Offense: 180 day expulsion to JJAEP, with no participation in extracurricular activities for remainder of time on campus.

Off Campus Possession/Use of Alcohol

The use of alcohol will not be condoned. Students who are issued a citation for Minor in Possession, Driving while Intoxicated, or Under the Influence, while off campus and not at a school sponsored activity, at a minimum will receive:

1st Offense: 20 percent game suspension for athletes.**

2nd Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for remainder of year.

3rd Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for remainder of time on that campus.

Each case will be considered individually to determine if further consequences should be administered.

**Non-athletic extracurricular activities may have different consequences as it is not always feasible to determine "20 percent" of non-athletic events.

Off Campus Misdemeanor Possession/Use of Illegal Drugs

Students who arrested or charged with a *Misdemeanor* Possession or Under the Influence of an illegal drug, while off campus and not at a school sponsored activity, at a minimum will receive:

1st Offense: 20 percent game suspension for athletes.**

2nd Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for remainder of year.

3rd Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for remainder of time on that campus.

Each case will be considered individually to determine if further consequences should be administered.

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Off Campus Felony Possession/Use of Illegal Drugs

The possession/use of illegal drugs will not be condoned. Students who are arrested or charged with Felony Possession of or Under the Influence of an illegal drug while off campus and not at a school sponsored activity, at a minimum will receive:

1st Offense: 180 PACES assignment, with no participation in extracurricular activities during PACES assignment.

2nd Offense: 180 day expulsion to JJAEP, with no participation in extracurricular activities for remainder of time on campus.

Each case will be considered individually to determine if further consequences should be administered.

Receipt of Extracurricular Handbook

Student's Acknowledgement

This is to acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Silsbee ISD Extracurricular Handbook. I have read and understand the information in the handbook.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Student ID#: _____

Activities/Sports: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Acknowledgement

- I understand the information in the Silsbee ISD Extracurricular Handbook.
- I understand that my child is responsible for complying with the guidelines set forth in the Extracurricular Handbook, as well as the Student Code of Conduct.
- I understand that Silsbee ISD policies and procedures can change at any time and that the Extracurricular Handbook is not a substitute for the Code of Conduct or the SISD Policy Manual.
- I understand that my child's participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and that my child will be held to higher standards of behavior and performance in and out of school.

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s) (please print): _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to the campus office.