

Gunter Independent School District - Extracurricular Policy

(Revised and Approved October 18, 2011)

Extracurricular activities are very important to the Gunter ISD and participation at all levels in a variety of activities is highly encouraged. Participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege, and with that privilege comes responsibility. Students are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion that will be a source of pride to the school district and the community. **An extracurricular participant is a representative of the school at all times during the year, not just when they participate.**

To reinforce the added responsibility that comes with the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities, Gunter ISD has adopted these written rules in addition to the Student Code of Conduct (SCC). Violations and penalties outlined herein are separate from and may be applied in addition to, the "Consequences for Positive Results" under the Districts "Mandatory Drug Testing Program".

The extracurricular policy is divided into three areas that will govern major infractions:

1. Violations to the Student Code of Conduct: In-School Suspension (ISS), Out of School Suspension, Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) and Expulsion
2. Conduct unbecoming of an "Extracurricular Student"
3. Violations of extracurricular participants who violate the SCC involving alcohol, drugs and/or controlled substances. This violation will also result in the student entering into the "Mandatory Drug Testing Program."

Each extracurricular activity/sport has an activity handbook that addresses the day to day operations, expectations, and minor incidents that come up during the year. Handbook violations will be addressed by sponsor, coach or athletic director involved.

The Extracurricular Policy will be the responsibility of, and will be administered by, the High School Principal.

INFRACTION: Violation of the Student Code of Conduct

VIOLATION OF STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT	PENALTIES
1. Any violation that results in In-School Suspension	Extra Work for 1 Day
2. Any violation that results in Suspension from Gunter ISD	30 minutes a day extra work for 5 days and 1 week suspension during the student's extracurricular activity. Does not include scrimmage or practice games (minimum suspension of one game or event) If the student participates in multiple activities that take place during the week, he or she will be suspended from each activity.
3. Any violation that results in placement in the disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP)	Suspension from participation in all extracurricular activities during the period of placement in the DAEP, which means no practice, tryouts, or other participation permitted.
4. Any violation that results in expulsion from Gunter ISD	Removal from participation in all extracurricular activities for one calendar year (365 Days) from the date of expulsion which means no participation permitted prior to the expiration of the calendar year (365 days) from the date of expulsion.

Repeated violations of the SCC, as defined in 1-4 above, will be subject to any or all the penalties outline above administered in a progressive manner.

*For extracurricular participants who participate in “**conduct unbecoming**” of a Gunter ISD extracurricular participant.

INFRACTION: “Conduct Unbecoming” of a Gunter ISD Extracurricular Participant

VIOLATION: Conduct Unbecoming of a Gunter ISD Extracurricular Participant	PENALTIES
<p>1st Occurrence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any major infraction that occurs during or apart from school hours and on or off school property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any tobacco use or possession. b. Possessing or sharing any compromising, suggestive, vulgar or otherwise inappropriate photos, texts, notes, or media of any kind. c. Theft of any kind on or off school property. d. Any serious misconduct (at or away from school) as determined by principal. 	<p>30 minutes a day extra work for 5 days and 1 week suspension during the student’s extracurricular activity. Does not include scrimmages or practice games (minimum suspension of one game or event) If the student participates in multiple activities that take place during the week, he or she will be suspended from each activity.</p>
<p>2nd Occurrence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Any major infraction that occurs during or apart from school hours and on or off school property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any tobacco use or possession. b. Possessing or sharing any compromising, suggestive, vulgar or otherwise inappropriate photos, texts, notes, or media of any kind. c. Theft of any kind on or off school property. d. Any serious misconduct (at or away from school) as determined by principal. 	<p>Suspension from participation in extracurricular activities for 30 calendar days, which means no participation in practice, try-outs, or other participation permitted prior to the expiration of the 30 day suspension period.</p>
<p>3rd Occurrence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Any major infraction that occurs during or apart from school hours and on or off school property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any tobacco use or possession. b. Possessing or sharing any compromising, suggestive, vulgar or otherwise inappropriate photos, texts, notes, or media of any kind. c. Theft of any kind on or off school property. d. Any serious misconduct (at or away from school) as determined by principal. 	<p>Suspension from participation in extracurricular activities for a calendar year (365 days) from the date of the violation which means no participation in practice, try-outs, or other participation permitted prior to the expiration of the calendar year (365 day) suspension period.</p>

*Any student that withdraws from an extracurricular activity for any reason, prior to the expiration of a suspension or removal indentified in this policy, will be required to complete the suspension or removal at the time the student resumes participation in any GISD extracurricular activity.

*For extracurricular participants who violate the SCC involving **alcohol, drugs, and/or controlled substances**:

INFRACTION: Violations involving alcohol, drugs, and/or controlled substance

VIOLATION INVOLVING ALCOHOL, DRUGS, and/or Controlled Substances	PENALTIES
<p>1st Occurrence</p> <p>1. Proven guilty of an offense, documented either by citation or by confession. (Controlled Substance) Alcohol, Drugs, and/or controlled substances</p>	<p>30 minutes a day extra work for 5 days and 1 week suspension during the student's extracurricular activity. ^^Does not include scrimmage or practice games (minimum suspension of one game or event) If the student participates in multiple activities that take place during the week, he or she will be suspended from each activity. The student will submit to the district's "Mandatory Drug Testing Program" on each district test date for the remainder of the student's participation in extracurricular activities.</p>
<p>2nd Occurrence</p> <p>2. Proven guilty of an offense, documented either by citation or by confession. (Controlled Substance) Alcohol, Drugs, and/or controlled substances</p>	<p>Suspension from participation in extracurricular activities for 30 calendar days which means no participation in practice, try-outs, or other participation permitted prior to the expiration of the 30 day suspension period. The student will submit to "Mandatory Drug Testing Program" prior to resuming participation in extracurricular activities and on each subsequent district test date for the remainder of the student's participation in extracurricular activities.</p>
<p>3rd Occurrence</p> <p>3. Proven guilty of an offense, documented either by citation or by confession. (Controlled Substance) Alcohol, Drugs, and/or controlled substances</p>	<p>Suspension from participation in extracurricular activities for a calendar year (365 days) from the date of the violation which means no participation in practice, try-outs, or other participation permitted prior to the expiration of the calendar year (365 day) suspension period. The student will submit to mandatory drug testing under the district's "Mandatory Drug Testing Program" prior to resuming participation in extracurricular activities and on each subsequent district test date for the remainder of the student's participation in extracurricular activities.</p>

^^Suspension from extracurricular activities does not include scrimmages or practice games. Suspension will consist of 1 week and will be during the student's particular activity or season.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT – Extracurricular Policy

Gunter ISD Extracurricular Policy Electronic Distribution Acknowledgment

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On October 18, 2011 the Gunter ISD Board of Trustees revised and approved the current policy that has been in place since 1996. The revised policy now contains a section that deals with conduct unbecoming of an extracurricular participant. The revised policy is divided into three areas that will govern major infractions:

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We urge you to read this publication thoroughly and to discuss it with your family. If you have any questions about the required conduct and consequences for misconduct, please ask for an explanation.

The student and parent should each sign this page in the space provided below, and **then return the page to the student’s school.**

Thank you.

Kelly Teems, Gunter High School Principal

We acknowledge that we have been offered the option to receive a paper copy of the Gunter ISD) Extracurricular Policy for the 2011–2012 school year or to electronically access the policy on the District’s Website at <http://www.gunterisd.org/ghs/athletics/2011extracurr.pdf> We understand that students will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in the policy.

We have chosen to:

- Receive a paper copy of the Gunter ISD Extracurricular Policy
- Accept responsibility for accessing the policy on the districts website at the above link
- I do not participate in extracurricular activities

Print name of student: _____

Signature of student: _____ DATE: _____

Print name of parent: _____

Signature of parent: _____ DATE: _____