

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I. FORWARD

Student involvement in Pampa Independent School District (the “District”) extracurricular activities shall be deemed to be an acceptance of a lifestyle which supports the philosophy that a student should have a sound, healthy mind and body and the responsibility and commitment associated with this philosophy. In addition, students participating in all school activities are obligated to comply with any and all conditions set forth in the charter, constitution, team rules, or by-laws which govern the organization and operation of school clubs, societies, or activities. It should be understood that this Extracurricular Activity Participation Agreement (“EAPA”) does not preclude the enforcement of conditions set forth in any charters, by-laws, rules or contracts associated with extracurricular activities, so long as those conditions are not inconsistent with this EAPA. Any student elected to or serving in a student office, selected for a school honor, or representing the school in extracurricular activities shall have and maintain a good citizenship record, both in school and out of school, on and off campus.

II. JURISDICTION

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged but not required. The District 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 an extracurricular program is a privilege for students 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 District students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total student body at all times and places.

By participating in extracurricular activities and signing this EAPA, students agree and understand that, as students participating in extracurricular activities, their behavior shall be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total student body at all times and places. By signing, students also agree to comply with team or organization rules, constitutions, charters and by-laws, and understand that failure to do so may result in consequences as set forth herein, possibly in addition to consequences set forth in the District’s Student Code of Conduct and team expectations and rules.

The consequences described in this EAPA will be enforced with all students participating in extracurricular activities when the school year is in session or when the student is representing the school if it is not in session:

- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property; and
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the District's Student Code of Conduct will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator (under the District's Student Code of Conduct) and from his/her coach/sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate this EAPA and be subject to consequences related to participation in an extracurricular activity by a coach/sponsor without having violated the District's Student Code of Conduct.

This EAPA must be signed by participating students and their parents, prior to the beginning of each school year, and returned to the Coach or Sponsor of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating.

III. CONSEQUENCES

A. Range of Consequences

Consequences which may be imposed for violations of this EAPA will include, but are not limited, to:

1. Verbal warning;
2. Written warning;
3. Written notification to parent;
4. Counseling;
5. Suspension from participation in extracurricular activities for a designated time or the rest of the school year.

***NOTE:** If a student is found to have broken the law on school property or during a school-sponsored event, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be contacted.*

B. Enforcement of Consequences

If a student violates the conduct standards for an extracurricular activity, the coach/sponsor will review all of the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose an appropriate consequence. The District will strive for consistency in determining consequences for unacceptable behavior by students participating in extracurricular activities, but will also exercise sound professional discretion.

Unacceptable conduct that violates the District's Code of Conduct will result in referral to the appropriate campus administrator for consideration of discipline according to the procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct.

The specific nature of the offense and repeated violations will be considered when determining the appropriate consequence. Infractions of an activity or team's rules may be punished in accordance with that activity or team's disciplinary guidelines, or in accordance with the consequences set forth below. Unsportsmanlike conduct, or criminal conduct punishable as a misdemeanor or felony, will result in the following disciplinary action:

1. First Violation

- The parents of the student will be informed of the violation.
- The student will be recommended to a counselor or drug and alcohol educator, if deemed appropriate.
- The student may be suspended from the extracurricular activity for up to the remainder of the school year.
- If acceptable to the sponsor or coach of the extra-curricular activity and the student's campus principal, any student that admits an infraction involving drugs and/or alcohol, and is a first offender, may, at the discretion of the Sponsor or Coach, have consequences waived, if the student agrees to participate in a drug and/or alcohol assessment. If assessment is recommended, the parents and/or guardians will be advised of recommendations, which may include counseling, education, treatment, etc. If the student fails to participate in the drug and/or alcohol assessment and the recommended follow-up counseling, education, treatment, etc., the student may be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for up to the remainder of the school year.

2. Second Violation

- The parents of the student will be informed by letter.
- The student will be suspended from participation in the activity for a designated period of time, up to the end of the school year.
- For Drug & Alcohol offenses the student will be required to attend counseling or drug and alcohol education sessions with a high school counselor or appropriate educator. If a student fails to attend counseling sessions, the student may be suspended from the extracurricular activity for up to the remainder of the school year.

3. Third Violation

- The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year, and will be recommended to participate in a counseling, or drug and alcohol education program.

IV. APPEAL PROCESS

1. Student Athletes

If a student athlete receives a consequence in accordance with this EAPA or the team's rules, an appeal of the action taken by a coach shall be heard by the athletic director, whose decision is final and may not be appealed.

2. Other Students

If a student participating in non-athletic extra-curricular activities receives a consequence under this EAPA or the activity's rules, by-laws, charter, constitution, etc., the appeal shall be heard by the campus principal, whose decision is final and may not be appealed.

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Student

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Required Signatures

I understand that, as a student participating in extracurricular activities, the District expects my behavior to be exemplary and to reflect the finest attributes of the total student body at all times and places. I agree to comply with and be subject to team and/or organization rules, constitutions, charters and by-laws. By signing below, I affirm that I have read and agree to the terms of the Pampa Independent School District's Extra Curricular Participation Agreement.

student signature

student printed name

date

By signing below, I affirm that I have read the Pampa Independent School District's Extra Curricular Participation Agreement, and understand that my child's participation in extracurricular activities will subject to and governed by the terms set forth above.

Parent/guardian signature

parent/guardian printed name

date

Please return this signed agreement to the Coach or Sponsor of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating.

This agreement is also available on the Pampa ISD website.