

Texhoma Independent School District  
Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct

I. Extracurricular Activities

The term "extracurricular activities" means any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) and non-OSSAA activities and student organizations, such as Student Council and National Honor Society are extracurricular. Extracurricular activities also include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, and club events. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities are encouraged. Texhoma 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 Texhoma ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Texhoma 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, Texhoma 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, the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* extends beyond the *Texhoma ISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* will be enforced with all students grades 5-12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- Regardless of whether school is in session;
- Regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school related event;

