

***RISD District-Wide Junior High School Guidelines for Extracurricular  
Students:  
Alcohol & Illegal Drugs***

RISD expects that all students, including students who participate in any Extracurricular Activities (Extracurricular Students) will conduct themselves at all times in an exemplary manner that brings honor to the District, their school, and themselves. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and is conditioned on the student's compliance with all rules and regulations of the activity and District policies and guidelines, including these guidelines. The use, possession, sale, or furnishing to others of alcohol or drugs of any kind is strictly prohibited (the Prohibition). Any student who violates the Prohibition is not in compliance with the rules of participation and will be subject to disciplinary measures, which could result in removal from the extracurricular activities in which the student participates.

These guidelines and statement of consequences apply to all extracurricular activities sponsored by the Richardson Independent School District and to all Extracurricular Students. The purpose of these guidelines is to deter and eliminate any use, possession, sale, or the furnishing to others of alcohol or other drugs, help students avoid drug and alcohol use, establish consistency in consequences across all activities for students who do not comply with the Prohibition, promote a high quality educational experience in all activities and assist RISD to maintain order and a safe learning environment, and to promote a high level of civic and individual responsibility among students.

Extracurricular students are subject to these guidelines at all times throughout the twelve month calendar year, whether the extracurricular activity is "in season" or inactive and on weekends and during school holidays. Refer also to Board Policy FO (Local). Students transitioning from eighth

to ninth grade who, during the summer, engage in conduct that violate the Prohibition will be subject to the High School Guidelines.

To ensure consistency among activities, these guidelines shall be used by all extracurricular groups. However, nothing in these guidelines prohibits an extracurricular activity sponsor from developing activity guidelines and rules to address topics other than alcohol or illegal drug activities.

The following definitions will apply to these guidelines:

- Leadership Position- a position or office an Extracurricular Student holds in an organization or group either by election or appointment. Such positions may include without limitation: captain, officer, squad leader, drum major, section chair.
- Parent- A student's biological or adoptive parent or parents, legal guardian, or other person in lawful control of the student.
- Period of removal- period of time during which an Extracurricular Student is excluded from any participation in an extracurricular activity due to violation of the Prohibition. During a period of removal, an Extracurricular Student may not wear his/her uniform, travel with the team or organization, or otherwise act as a representative of the team or organization.
- Prescription Drugs- A drug authorized by a licensed physician specifically for that student. A student who uses a prescription drug in a manner prescribed by the student's physician and who has followed school policies in such use shall not be considered to have violated this policy.
- Possession- To have an item in or on ones personal being or property, including without limitation, clothing, purse, backpack, private vehicle used for transportation to or from school or school-

related events, or other property used by the student such as a desk, locker, or cubby-hole.

- Use (Substance)- Voluntarily introducing into one's body, by any means, a prohibited substance, recently enough that it is detectable by observation of the student's physical appearance, actions, breath, speech, or by substance testing.
- **Extracurricular Activities- School sponsored activities including but not limited to Dance & Drill Teams, Bell Guards, Cheerleaders, Spirit Groups, Sports, Fine Arts, Clubs, UIL governed Activities, Mock Trial, AC DEC, and other school sponsored student activities unique to a campus.**

An Extracurricular Student violates the Prohibition if he or she:

- Receives an MIP (Minor in Possession), MIC (Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor), DWI (Driving While Intoxicated), DUI (Driving Under the Influence of an Illegal Substance), or other citation for the illegal use or possession of alcohol/drugs, or furnishing alcohol/drugs to another in a non-school setting;
- Is observed by a faculty or staff member using, possessing, or furnishing to another student any drugs, including alcohol, on or off school property (observation via internet site, video, still picture, or other media will be considered);
- Receives any citation for or is arrested for illegal alcohol/drug activity or substance on or off school property;
- Performs or participates in an extracurricular activity while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

An Extracurricular Student who receives an MIP, MIC, DUI, DWI, or other alcohol/drug citation shall promptly notify the activity sponsor. An Extracurricular Student who fails to do so may be subject to further disciplinary action once the activity sponsor

or administrator learns of the offense. The consequences for violation of the Prohibition apply regardless of the disposition of any citation the student may receive.

Process: When an activity sponsor or campus administrator learns that an Extracurricular Student has violated the Prohibition, the sponsor or administrator will attempt to gather as much information as is available about the suspected violation and shall immediately communicate with the student and his/her parent to review the information. The sponsor or administrator will take reasonable steps to ensure the student and his/her parents are notified of the suspected violation of the Prohibition and to offer the student and his/her parent a meeting with the administrator and/or sponsor and give them an opportunity to provide information about the student's suspected actions. Parents and/or students who refuse to promptly meet with the sponsor or administrator forfeit their opportunity for a conference. The administrator or sponsor will notify the student and his/her parent in writing of the reasons for any consequences imposed.

A student or parent who is not satisfied with the outcome of the conference or the principal's decision may appeal the decision through the District's Student and Parent Complaint Policy (FNG (Local)), but the consequence will not be delayed during any appeal. Copies of the policy are available on the District's website or may be obtained from the school.

### **PROBATION: Last Chance Opportunity**

All Extracurricular Students are expected to comply with these guidelines. An Extracurricular Student who does not do so is subject to disciplinary action. **While some offenses may be so severe that they will result in immediate removal from the extracurricular activity and/or Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) placement,** where appropriate, the District will consider allowing a student who violates the Prohibition to serve a last chance probationary period if the violation of the

Prohibition is the first instance of the student's failure to comply with these guidelines.

**Probation:** A student's first violation of the Prohibition will result in the Extracurricular Student's (i) removal for the remainder of the school year from all leadership positions he or she holds, including any such positions that the student might seek or be appointed to later in the school year; and (ii) except where the first violation also results in DAEP placement, removal from all extracurricular activities for 20 school days or UIL Competition dates. (see below\*)

- The 20 school days or UIL Competition dates removal period start at the parent /student / principal conference. If the parent/student forfeits the conference, the principal will determine the start date;
- During the 20-day removal period, the student and the parent must attend and successfully complete the RISD alcohol / drug educational program. Students may be required to have follow-up sessions with the **Intervention Specialist** on campus. The student is responsible for all fees associated with the program. A student/parent must complete the educational program before the student will be reinstated after the removal period.
- Students may participate in practices for the extracurricular activities while on probation.
- \*If an activity schedules competition or performance during the summer or on a school holiday (excluding weekends), any days on which the student's team or group actually competes or performs will be counted toward completion of the 20-day probation period.
- "UIL Competition Date" means a day on which the individual or group actually competes or performs in a UIL or Non-UIL sponsored activity when the school is represented.
- If the conduct results in the student's placement in a DAEP, the period of

removal will be for the duration of the DAEP placement.

An Extracurricular Student can receive only **one** probation period for violating the Prohibition during the students' 7-8 junior high school career.

### **Second Offense or Subsequent Offenses**

A second offense or subsequent offenses will result in removal from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. Students will also be removed from all leadership positions for the remainder of the school year.

- If the infraction occurs and/or is discovered 60 or less days prior to the end of the school year, the student will be removed from all extracurricular activities and leadership positions for at least 60 school days or UIL Competition dates. The removal days may extend into the next school year at the current school or continue at the high school setting.
- When a second or subsequent infraction occurs after the end of the school year, the consequence will go into effect at the parent or legal guardian /student/principal conference. The student will be removed from all extracurricular activities for the entire up-coming school year.
- If the parent or legal guardian /student forfeit the conference, the principal will determine the start date.
- During a period of removal, an Extracurricular Student may not wear his / her uniform, travel with the team or organization, or otherwise act as a representative of the team or organization.

An Extracurricular Student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and to pursue future leadership positions after the second offense, if:

- It is the start of the school year and the student has "sat out" of all extracurricular activities for no less than 60 school days or UIL Competition days.

## 2009-2010 Extracurricular Activity Agreement Form

Student Statement:

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the RISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students: Alcohol & Illegal Drugs. I agree to comply with all rules and regulations written in these guidelines and any additional rules adopted by my school as a condition of participation as a member of an extracurricular activity. I understand that my failure to comply with these guidelines may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

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Printed Name of Student

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Student Signature

Date Signed

Parent Statement (for students under 18 years of age):

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the RISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students: Alcohol & Illegal Drugs. I understand that my child must comply with all rules and regulations written in these guidelines and any additional rules adopted by my child's school as a condition of participation in an extracurricular activity. I understand that his or her failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

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Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date Signed