

**Robert Lee
Independent School District
2017 – 2018
Extracurricular Code of Conduct**



**Adopted by the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees
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Robert Lee Independent School District Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct

I. Extracurricular Activities

The term "extracurricular activities" means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, is subject to the provisions of this **Extracurricular Code of Conduct**.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. **Robert Lee 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 includes activities in which students represent not only themselves, but also other students and the school district. In such activities, students are performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as **Robert Lee ISD** students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total **Robert Lee 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, **Robert Lee 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, this **Extracurricular Code of Conduct** extends beyond the **Robert Lee 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 **7th through 12th** 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;
- ❖ regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- ❖ regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- ❖ regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the **Robert Lee ISD Student Code of Conduct** will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the **Extracurricular Code of Conduct** and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the **Robert Lee ISD Student Code of Conduct**.

III. Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the coach or sponsor:

- ❖ Student commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however students may not quit one sport or organization in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he or she quits is still active.
- ❖ Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. **Robert Lee ISD** participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play.
- ❖ Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared.
- ❖ Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should notify the coach or sponsor, as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Missed practices, meetings or workouts will be made-up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken if a participant has multiple violations. This may be at the discretion of the coach or sponsor.
- ❖ Injured or ill students who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting or event are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group, unless given permission from the coach or sponsor to do otherwise.
- ❖ Students are required to show respect at all times to coaches and sponsors.

- ❖ Students should refrain from wearing hair styles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves. Male students participating in sports are required to be clean shaven, with hair off the collar and ears and out of the eyes.
- ❖ Students should follow the rules promulgated in **Robert Lee ISD Student Code of Conduct**. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

IV. Attendance Expectations

- ❖ **Students involved in extracurricular activities must comply with the 90% state compulsory attendance laws. If a student's absences exceed the maximum number of allowed absences (generally 9 absences allowed per semester), the student becomes ineligible to participate until he/she is within compliance. In order to regain eligibility, student attendance at Saturday School or some other means of making-up attendance will be required. For extenuating circumstances, the student's case may be referred to the attendance committee for review.**

V. Prohibited Conduct

Robert Lee ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

- ❖ possessing, smoking, selling or using tobacco products;
- ❖ possessing or using drug paraphernalia;
- ❖ possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind;
- ❖ possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug;
- ❖ engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- ❖ engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the **Robert Lee ISD Student Code of Conduct**.
- ❖ attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises);
- ❖ riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol;
- ❖ stealing;

- ❖ conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- ❖ using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures;
- ❖ fighting;
- ❖ any conduct resulting in arrest and / or citations from law enforcement officers;
- ❖ inappropriate touching including "making out" in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public;
- ❖ inappropriate behavior in public places.

VI. Procedures

The coach and /or sponsor will determine whether an ***Extracurricular Code of Conduct*** violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an ***Extracurricular Code of Conduct*** violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- ❖ the student and the student's parent (s); and /or
- ❖ school administration

Nothing in this ***Extracurricular Code of Conduct*** limits the authority of a coach or sponsor to impose reasonable sanctions, including extra workouts, for students who breach team or organization conduct expectations but do not engage in prohibited.

VII. Disciplinary Action

Coaches and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in meting out punishment for ***Extracurricular Code of Conduct*** violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- ❖ suspension from all extracurricular activities for the following time periods:

- 1st Offense – 1 week
- 2nd Offense – 2 weeks
- 3rd Offense – mandatory meeting with student and parent to determine status of student participation in program.

- ❖ Mandatory conditioning set by the Athletic Director and Coaches will be part of the disciplinary action for all students in sporting events. The student must complete the conditioning before they will be allowed to compete after the suspension.

- ❖ Removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense.

The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his or her assessment of the situation.

VIII. Quitting an Extracurricular Activity

Students who quit an extracurricular activity will be required to complete mandatory conditioning before being allowed to participate in another extracurricular activity. See below:

- ❖ 1st case – 10 miles
- ❖ 2nd case – 15 miles
- ❖ 3rd case – 20 miles
- ❖ Other----mandatory meeting with parents, coaches and AD

Students will show a commitment to the extracurricular program by completing this conditioning.

IX. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Robert Lee ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. We will answer any questions you have concerning our athletic program of insurance and injuries.

IX. Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the ***Extracurricular Code of Conduct***. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgment. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Please sign and return

STUDENT: I have read the **Robert Lee ISD *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*** and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in **Robert Lee ISD** extracurricular activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

PARENT: I have read the **Robert Lee ISD *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*** and understand requirement for my child's voluntary participation in **Robert Lee ISD** extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Student Name _____ Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Date _____