

MARBLE FALLS ISD  
EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF  
CONDUCT

**2022-2023**



Marble Falls ISD has an unyielding commitment to  
**LOVE** every child and **INSPIRE** them to achieve their fullest potential.

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## Extracurricular Activities

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Marble Falls ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with one 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. Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Marble Falls ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for students who choose not to participate in extracurricular activities. Therefore, the Extracurricular Code of Conduct (ECC) extends beyond the Marble Falls ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline.

The purpose of the ECC is to help students set and maintain high standards of conduct outside of school, resist the pressure to participate in unhealthy/illegal activity, and assist in the identification of students who have struggles for which counseling or other interventions may be appropriate.

### **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**

The following definitions are for the purpose of the drug-testing program in this policy:

1. Extracurricular Activity (ECA): Any membership or participation in any of the clubs, organizations, or activities on the attached list.
2. Extracurricular Participant (ECP): Any participating student in grades 7–12.
3. ECA: Extracurricular activities in grades 7–12.
4. DPA: Drug program administrator.
5. GC/MS: Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectroscopy; a scientific process to identify specific chemical compounds. A molecular fingerprint is obtained that identifies a chemical compound with 100 percent accuracy.

### **I. JURISDICTION**

The Extracurricular Code of Conduct will be enforced with any student who parks a vehicle on campus, organizations that declare adherence to the ECC (i.e. Cheer), and all students

grades 7-12 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;
- 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

It is possible that a student who violates the Marble Falls 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 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 Marble Falls ISD Student Code of Conduct.

The MFISD Board of Trustees has authorized the creation and distribution of this Code in MFISD Board Policy FO (LOCAL), which states:

*With the approval of the principal and Superintendent, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.*

*A student shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or when the student first begins participation in the activity. A student and his or her parent shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity.*

*Standards of behavior for an extracurricular activity are independent of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in independent disciplinary actions.*

*A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of extracurricular standards of behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.*

## **II. CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS**

The District retains discretion to address student expectations for conduct even though the conduct may not be specifically included below. Participants in extracurricular activities are representatives of the School District and community, and must conduct themselves in a

manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times.

Specifically, students must:

- comply with the rules of the district as stated in the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and School Board Policies;
- be aware that students cannot participate in a scheduled event until an ISS/OSS placement is complete;
- complete the ECC content quiz prior to participation in any extra-curricular activity;
- all students will participate in mandatory drug testing (additional information in this document section titled “MFISD Drug Testing and Detection Program”);
- comply with directives. Insubordination and disrespect to coaches/sponsors may result in suspension from the team/organization;
- be responsible for use of all equipment and its return to the school in the best possible condition;
- meet and maintain eligibility criteria as mandated by the U.I.L. and/or club or organization bylaws.
- remove themselves from situations where prohibited activities are occurring. Students in attendance at an event/party which includes prohibited activities may be found in violation if they knowingly remain at a location/event where prohibited activities are occurring.

### **PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

Marble Falls ISD students participating in extracurricular activities are prohibited from any violation(s) listed in the MFISD Student Code of Conduct as well as any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers; this does not include minor traffic violations. The District retains discretion to address student expectations for conduct even though the conduct may not be specifically included below.

Marble Falls ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are always prohibited from:

- inappropriate behavior in public places;
- bullying;
- hazing.
- inappropriate, disruptive, negative, lewd, obscene, or sexual pictures, comments, statuses on any social network such as, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat
- using discriminatory, profane, lewd or vulgar language, obscene gestures;
- fighting;
- attending any event at which underage drinking, smoking, or drug use is occurring;

Engaging in any of the behaviors listed above will result in consequences (in addition to campus-based consequences) as determined by the sponsor or coach in collaboration with campus administration.

**A student has violated the ECC and will receive consequences consistent with this document (See Sanctions for Violation of the ECC) when involved in any of the following:**

- testing positive for the presence of a substance eligible to be tested as part of the MFISD drug testing program (see section of this document titled “MFISD Drug Testing and Detection Program”)
- Any violation of substances eligible for testing in the MFISD Drug Testing Program will follow the sanctions listed in the ECC
- A student is in violation of the ECC as evidenced by law enforcement/ peace officer documentation or in an image and/or video
- possessing, smoking, selling, or otherwise using tobacco products or vapes
- 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 drugs
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense related to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- engaging in serious/severe misbehavior;
- riding in a vehicle containing alcohol;
- stealing;
- conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- possession of any weapons;
- inappropriate touching, harassing sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public;

These expectations with appropriate discipline methods will be explained before practice for the season begins (a required ECC content exam will be administered prior to allowing participation in any extra-curricular activity). The appropriate administrator will be involved when the ECC is applied.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

The coach, sponsor, administrator or DPA 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) or guardian(s)
- The Athletic Director, Sponsor, Principals, and/or DPA

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.

## **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 consequences for Extracurricular Code of Conduct violations but will also exercise sound professional discretion.
- Any ECP suspended or academically ineligible will be removed from all participation in all extracurricular activities. This includes travel, contest, being in the team area, and any other activities except for practices until their suspension is complete or they gain academic eligibility. (Note: A scrimmage is considered a practice. Participation in awards ceremonies and Parent night is permissible.)
- Any student serving a full day of ISS on a game/event day, is ineligible to participate in the game/event that day. Any student who receives 3 consecutive days of ISS will be suspended for the next scheduled event. If the student has no further events for the current school year, consequences will be handled by the head coach or Athletic Director but will not carry over to the new school year. \*Any student deemed to have excessive ISS referrals can be removed from the program. Additional consequences will be assigned by the Head Coach of the current sport (\*Excessive ISS – 3 or more ISS referrals for behavior/insubordination issues.)
- Suspension/Removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense.
- Students currently assigned to DAEP (Epic) are considered ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity or to attend extracurricular activities.
- Any student holding a Final Title 5 Felony conviction, or an offense deemed severe enough by the appropriate administrator and Superintendent shall be excluded permanently from holding any student office, practicing or participation in any extracurricular activity.
- Coaches/sponsors will be required to hold a conference with the parent or guardian and the student to confirm the violation, discuss the consequence and notify about re- instatement.

## **IV. REQUEST FOR APPEAL OF REMOVAL**

A student who is removed from the extracurricular program(s) because of failure to comply with the Extracurricular Code of Conduct may request a conference before the appropriate administrator. ***The request must be in writing.***

Conferences will be held as needed on an individual basis. The conference between the administrator, student and his/her parent or guardian is to provide the student the opportunity to present a request for reinstatement. The administrator will consider only one appeal from each student requesting reinstatement. Note: a conference to request

reinstatement is not needed unless the student wishes to make the request before the normal date of reinstatement.

Students who desire to participate in tryouts or elections for extracurricular activities for the following year must request a conference at least two weeks prior to the official tryout or election day.

If a parent or guardian and student would choose to take further action, those appeals are addressed through the District's complaint process, contained in policies FNG (Legal) and (Local). For a complaint concerning a student's participation in an extracurricular activity that does not involve a violation of a right guaranteed by Education Code Chapter 26, the Level Two decision is final and may not be appealed to the Board.

## **V. SELF REPORT OF VIOLATIONS**

An ECP who voluntarily admits a violation within the first 48 hours of the time at which the violation occurred, will receive a reduction in the length of the suspension. This applies to all circumstances, even when the ECP receives a legal citation. All other sanctions will remain in place. **It will be up to the ECP in violation to contact their sponsor, coach, or school administrator.**

**1st violation** with voluntary admission: suspension would be reduced from 20% of regularly scheduled events to 10%

**2nd violation** with voluntary admission: suspension would be reduced from 50% of regularly scheduled events to 30%

**3rd violation** with voluntary admission: suspension would be reduced from one calendar year to 70% of regularly scheduled events

**4th violation receives no reduction** and will result in the sanctions listed under FOURTH OFFENSE in section VI of the drug testing policy

If the violation is alcohol/drug related, the parent conference will be held by the DPA.

**Note:** Percentage suspensions will be based on the number of scheduled events the ECP is involved in. Satisfactory completion of that activity is necessary for the suspension to be complete. Tournaments for team sports such as BKB/BSB/SFB/Soccer, will be counted as 3 events regardless of the actual number of games played. Golf, Tennis, and other activities, in which all events are tournaments, will be counted as one event. Any cancellations that are not rescheduled or replaced will be counted as events. Any percentage of **.4** or less will be rounded down. Any percentage of **.5** or more will be rounded up.

**The student must be academically eligible for the events missed to count toward the suspension. If a student is academically ineligible at the time of the violation, or becomes academically ineligible during the suspension, the events missed shall not count toward the required events.**

**SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF THE ECC (See section titled: “Self-Report of Violations” for reduced consequences related to self-reporting of a violation)**

Sanctions for a violation of the ECC shall be as follows:

1. All offenses are cumulative throughout the ECP’s eligibility (grades 7 through 12). If there is a span of 24 months without a violation, a student may “remove” a “strike” (offense). This may occur once during a student’s time attending MFISD schools.
2. The following disciplinary measures shall be taken for any ECP testing positive for a drug test, and/or any ECP having written documentation reported by law enforcement officers as having been involved with alcohol or drug activity. (i.e.: selling, buying, using, or possessing drug paraphernalia or drugs eligible to be tested)
3. Any suspension shall take place in the immediate activity in which the ECP is involved. If the student is not actively involved in an extracurricular activity at that time, the suspension will start with the next activity in which the ECP is involved; **however, it may NOT take place in an activity in which the student has not previously participated.**
4. The student must be academically eligible for the events missed to count toward the suspension. If a student is academically ineligible at the time of the violation, or becomes academically ineligible during the suspension, the events missed shall not count toward the required events.

**FIRST OFFENSE**

1. The parent/guardian shall be notified to discuss the ECP’s sanctions.
2. The ECP shall be suspended from the ECA for 20 percent of all scheduled events with a minimum of one activity for those with four or fewer events in the season but shall not include suspension from playoff practice games, scrimmages, practices, or program participation.

3. The ECP shall complete and have documented completion of a minimum of 12 hours of drug education/counseling delivered by a licensed professional counselor (hereinafter referred to as LPC), or other acceptable professional at the discretion of the DPA, at the ECP's and/or parent's/guardian's expense. A list of LPCs shall be provided by the DPA.
4. The ECP shall be tested during each of the next four testing sessions, which may carry over into the next school year. The testing shall be at the ECP's and/or parent's/guardian's expense.

## **SECOND OFFENSE**

1. The parent/guardian shall be notified to discuss the ECP's sanctions.
2. The ECP shall be suspended from the ECA for 50 percent of scheduled events with a minimum of one activity for those ECAs with two events or less and until the student has a negative drug test with the District vendor.
3. The ECP shall complete and have documented completion of a minimum of 12 hours of drug education counseling from an LPC, or other acceptable professional at the discretion of the DPA, at the ECP's or parent's/guardian's expense. A list of LPCs shall be provided by the DPA.
4. The parent of the ECP shall complete 3 sessions (equivalent of 4.5 hours) of parental education course work, at the ECP's parent's/guardian's expense. In extraordinary circumstances, a student could become eligible to participate without parental completion of counseling. Reference Policy FNF (Exhibit) for application of exception.
4. The ECP shall be tested during each of the next six testing sessions, which may and can carry over into the next school year. The testing shall be at the ECP's and/or parent's/guardian's expense.
5. The ECP may have the consequences for a second violation reduced to a suspension of not less than 20% of contest if he/she completes all of the following:
  - a. Provides 30 hours community service with an organization on the pre-approved list of community service hour providers.
  - b. Reads a book, pre-approved by campus administration, that details the dangers to self or others associated with the behaviors that led to the ECC violation. The ECP/parker will also write a word-processed 1,500-

word essay summarizing the book and submit it to his/her assistant principal.

- c. Meets with a local law enforcement officer to learn about the potential legal ramifications associated with repeated behaviors that led to the ECC violation. A word-processed, 750-word summary of the conversation must be submitted to the ECP's assistant principal.

### **THIRD OFFENSE**

- 1 The parent/guardian shall be notified to discuss the ECP's sanctions.
- 2 Any ECP, grades 7-12 shall be suspended from extracurricular programs, contests, and events, for one calendar year. This may include removal from certain Extracurricular Classes as well.
- 3 An ECP may be reinstated to an ECA after one calendar year at the completion of a minimum of 12 documented hours of drug counseling and a negative drug test.
- 4 The parent/guardian shall be responsible for all counseling upon the third offense.
- 5 The parent/guardian of the ECP shall complete 6 sessions (equivalent of 9 hours) of parental education course work, at the ECP's parent's/guardian's expense. In extraordinary circumstances, a student could become eligible to participate without parental completion of counseling. Reference Policy FNF (Exhibit) for application of exception.
- 6 An ECP's suspension from ECAs under the third offense shall begin the day the DPA confirms the third test as positive.

### **FOURTH OFFENSE**

1. The parent/guardian shall be notified to discuss the ECP's sanctions.
2. A fourth positive test shall result in removal of the ECP, whether in high school or middle school, from participation in ECAs for the remainder of his or her middle school and high school eligibility.

A parent or guardian, at his or her own expense, may request another test of the same sample by another certified laboratory. The District shall not be responsible for any cost incurred by the parent/guardian or ECP for drug education, counseling, or residential treatment.

## **FOR ALL ECC VIOLATIONS**

The ECP shall have documented completion the prescribed minimum amount of hours of drug education/counseling, based on the number of the offense. This must be delivered by a licensed professional counselor (hereinafter referred to as LPC), or other acceptable professional at the discretion of the DPA, at the ECP's and/or parent's/guardian's expense.

Counseling for an offense should be completed before resuming the ECA's activity. However, if the DPA feels that the ECP is enrolled and progressing at an acceptable pace, the student may be allowed to return to their activity while completing counseling. If at any point, the ECP is not progressing at an acceptable pace, activities may be suspended again. MFISD has entered a partnership with Bluebonnet Trails Community Services and the substance abuse program they offer is recommended; however, the ECP may use any LPC they choose.

## **STUDENT DRIVERS**

Students who drive to and from school and who park on District property shall be subject to the same drug testing requirements as ECPs. In addition to any other sanctions that may be imposed based on a student driver's participation in an ECA, a student who has a positive test result shall be subject to the following restrictions related to parking on school property:

1. For the first violation, ten school day suspension from parking;
2. For the second violation, 30 school day suspension from parking;
3. For the third violation, one school year suspension from parking;
4. For the fourth violation, parking privileges removed for the remainder of enrollment in the District.

## **VI. Eligibility**

Eligibility for participation in many extracurricular activities is governed by state law as well as rules of the University Interscholastic League (UIL)—a statewide association overseeing inter-district competition. The following requirements apply to all extracurricular activities:

- A student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the District or the UIL after a grade evaluation period in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than an identified honors or advanced class.\*\* A suspension continues for at least three school weeks and is not removed during the school year until the student is passing all classes.

- A student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the individualized education program (IEP) may not participate for at least three school weeks.
- An ineligible student may practice or rehearse.
- For an ineligible student to become eligible the student must be passing all classes with a grade of 70 or higher after the next grade evaluation period and attend documented completion of a minimum of 5 hours of tutorials approved by the coach/sponsor.
- A student is allowed in a school year up to ten absences not related to post-district competition, a maximum of five absences for post-district competition prior to state, and a maximum of two absences for state competition. All extracurricular activities and public performances, whether UIL activities or other activities approved by the Board, are subject to these restrictions.
- A student who misses a class because of participation in an activity that has not been approved will receive an unexcused absence.

**Please note:** Sponsors of student clubs and performing groups such as the band, choir, and drill and athletic teams may establish standards of behavior—including consequences for misbehavior—that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of school rules, the consequences specified by the Student Code of Conduct or by local policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization. [For further information, see policies FM and FO.]

## **ELIGIBILITY POLICIES**

All extracurricular participants must maintain a passing grade (70) in all classes to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Please check the enclosed Eligibility Dates. The UIL does not consider advanced courses (Pre-Cal & AP) for eligibility purposes. However, Marble Falls ISD does. Students may be granted a one-time waiver of eligibility if they are failing one advanced course during the year. The waiver request form may be picked up in the campus front office.

## **ELIGIBILITY TUTORIAL POLICIES**

Any extracurricular participant receiving a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 in any academic class will continue at least a three-week suspension from events/contests until the ECP is passing all classes and has attended a minimum of 5 mandatory tutorial hours for each class that minimum passing standards have not been met.

# 2022-2023 Eligibility Calendar

Report	Grading Period Ends	Grades Online by Midnight	Report Issued	Eligibility Affected
Progress Report	September 2 (Friday)	September 6 (Tuesday)	September 8 (Thursday)	N/A
Eligibility Report	September 23 (Friday)	September 26 (Monday)	September 29 (Thursday)	<b>September 30 (Friday)</b> Lose (or Regain*)
Report Card	October 14 (Friday)	October 18 (Tuesday)	October 20 (Thursday)	<b>October 21 (Friday)</b> Lose or regain
Eligibility/Progress Report	November 4 (Friday)	November 7 (Monday)	November 10 (Thursday)	<b>November 11 (Friday)</b> Regain
Eligibility/Progress Report	December 2 (Friday)	December 5 (Monday)	December 8 (Thursday)	<b>December 9 (Friday)</b> Regain
Report Card	December 16 (Friday)	January 4 (Wednesday)	January 6 (Friday)	<b>January 11 (Wednesday)</b> Lose or Regain
Eligibility/Progress Report	January 23 (Monday)	January 25 (Wednesday)	January 27 (Friday)	<b>January 30 (Monday)</b> Regain
Eligibility/Progress Report	February 13 (Monday)	February 15 (Wednesday)	February 17 (Friday)	<b>February 21 (Tuesday)</b> Regain
Report Card	March 10 (Friday)	March 20 (Monday)	March 23 (Thursday)	<b>March 27 (Monday)</b> Lose or Regain
Eligibility/Progress Report	April 6 (Thursday)	April 10 (Monday)	April 12 (Wednesday)	<b>April 13 (Thursday)</b> Regain
Eligibility/Progress Report	April 28 (Friday)	May 1 (Monday)	May 4 (Thursday)	<b>May 5 (Friday)</b> Regain
Report Card	May 25 (Thursday)	May 26 (Friday)	June 1	N/A**

- Students who did not earn the appropriate amount of credits may regain.
- Failure to earn enough high school credits may affect UIL eligibility for next school year.
- This chart is subject to change if inclement weather days cause school to be closed.

Ineligible students can regain eligibility if they are passing ALL classes - not just the ones they were failing (excluding those identified as honors or advanced classes\*\*).

## GRACE PERIOD (DATE EFFECTIVE)

Students regain or lose eligibility at the end of the school day, 7 days after the eligibility check.

\*\*Honors/Advanced Class Waiver: Students may be granted a one-time waiver for one six weeks period of eligibility if they fail an advanced course with a grade of 60-70 percent. Students shall be eligible for one waiver per year.

\*\* All students are academically eligible during a school holiday period consisting of at least seven consecutive calendar days.

\*\*Regarding eligibility, all incompletes must be corrected **before** the student with the incomplete will be eligible.

## **VII. ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that Marble Falls ISD's extracurricular participants' personal electronic communication is appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, photo-sharing, inappropriate texting that is published or appearing on the internet is public domain even if it is marked private.

Extracurricular participants are responsible for texting and electronic communications on the internet through their personal websites as well as postings on other students' websites. The areas of appropriateness will include, but are not limited to, language (abbreviated or alluding to negative, lewd, vulgar or obscene comments about any individuals), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, and references to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Communication on the internet or by electronic means by extracurricular participants that are published and as a result cause disruption or damage to school district property at Marble Falls or another school district are also inappropriate.

Any member of the Marble Falls ISD extracurricular program who is involved in inappropriate, disruptive, negative, lewd, obscene, or sexual pictures, comments, statuses on any social network such as, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat may result in suspension or dismissal from the extracurricular program.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Students must attend school all day to be eligible to participate in ECA with the following exceptions:

- Attending a school or UIL event.
- Receiving a waiver from the Superintendent or designee for a medical appointment, family emergency, extenuating circumstances, or funeral.

### **TRAVEL**

All extracurricular participants represent the community, school, sponsors, and coaches. Therefore, it is expected that all will dress in an acceptable manner on trips and demonstrate appropriate conduct. All Varsity athletes/UIL participants making the trip on the bus will return on the bus unless in an emergency or when parents are present and there is good reason for returning with parents. This must be cleared with the head coach/sponsor prior to the trip. Athletes/participants are never to return with anyone other than on the bus or their own parents. **Exception:** An athlete/participant may receive permission to ride with someone else with prior written consent granted by the Athletic Director or Principal.

### **QUITTING A SPORT**

Anyone quitting a sport beyond the trial period, seven practice or contest days from when the participant first began, will not be allowed to participate in another sport until the season of the sport quit is completed. The Athletic Director or Principal may, at their discretion, make an exception to this rule when an event outside the control of the athlete or his/her family causes the athlete to drop out of a sport. A clear understanding is to be reached by the Principal, Athletic Director, head coach, parents, and the athlete at the time the sport is dropped.

## **MULTIPLE SPORTS/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Athletes are encouraged to participate in more than one sport/activity. Eligibility to participate in a particular sport/activity will not be based upon participation in a second sport/activity unless the athlete quits a previous sport. Athletes may choose to participate in other extracurricular activities if they are aware of the inherent conflicts that can occur. In case of a conflict, a district competition/event should take precedent over non-district competitions/events. Arrangements will be made by the coaches/sponsors to allow the students in multiple events to travel back and forth. In the event the conflict occurs at the same time and arrangements cannot be made to participate in both, the district event should take precedent.

### **NOTE:**

**These rules apply to all sports and UIL events, but head coaches and sponsors may have additional rules that their athletes and participants must follow.**

## **EXTRACURRICULAR INSURANCE**

The following facts should be fully understood by the parents and or guardians of all Marble Falls ISD ECP's, who are involved in U.I.L. activities in grades 7 through 12.

Marble Falls ISD provides athletic and extracurricular insurance for students in grades 7 thru 12. This coverage is for U.I.L. sponsored activities, including all U.I.L. athletic events. Your child will be covered while participating in, practicing for, and traveling to and from such an activity.

The insurance provided by the school is for activities that are sanctioned by U.I.L. rules and regulations. Any competition in which the student participates that is not under U.I.L. sanction will NOT be covered by the insurance.

Marble Falls I.S.D. assumes no responsibility because of injuries that occur during an athletic or U.I.L. event: however, this insurance is provided at school expense. This is **SECONDARY INSURANCE** to whatever health insurance the parent(s) or guardian(s) have for their children, and all claims must be filed with the primary health insurance company first and with the school insurance company second. You will need to indicate on the school insurance claim form the name and address of your regular insurance carrier.

- Decisions about coverage are up to the insurance company. All questions about coverage and the procedures for accessing the insurance must be made to the insurance company. District employees cannot interpret the policy or provide any assistance other than limited assistance in completing claim forms.
- If the student has no other insurance coverage, the school insurance will become the primary carrier and will pay accordingly. The parent or guardian should indicate on the claim form if they have no other health insurance.

- **All policies have limitations.** The school insurance will pay up to the amounts that are listed in the coverage documents, subject to policy exclusions and other limitations. Parents will be responsible for any amount remaining after both the primary health insurance and limitations have been reached. Parents should verify that the doctor/hospital is in the network.
- Marble Falls ISD and its employees are NOT responsible for any costs for treatment to your child by any doctor.

In case of an injury, it is the responsibility of the parent to file a claim form. These forms are available in the principal's office, from the trainer or coach, or the Administration Office. The coaches, trainer, sponsors, or administrative personnel will be happy to help complete the form; however, no Marble Falls ISD employee is responsible for filing your claim.

As with any policy, there are policy exclusions and rules for filing claims. Please review the Policy Limitations that are listed in the brochure; you are responsible for taking all steps necessary to access the extracurricular activity insurance. Most policies have a time limitation for filing a claim.

Since the insurance is for U.I.L. sponsored events only, you may wish to purchase the additional insurance that is available to your child. This should be purchased at the beginning of the school year and is the same basic coverage. The AT School Coverage provides coverage for injuries that occur at school or during school-sponsored activities during the regular school year. The 24-Hour coverage provides coverage 24 hours a day until the first day of the following school year.

# **MFISD DRUG TESTING & DETECTION PROGRAM**

A copy of the Drug Testing Policy is available in Spanish upon request at the athletic department or the administration office.

Una copia de la Política de la Prueba para las drogas esta disponible en español en las oficinas administrativas si se requiere.

## **INTERROGATIONS**

### **BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS**

Administrators, teachers, and other professional personnel may question a student regarding the student's own conduct or the conduct of other students. In the context of school discipline, students have no claim to the right not to incriminate themselves.

### **BY POLICE OR OTHER AUTHORITIES**

For provisions pertaining to student questioning by law enforcement officials or other lawful authorities, see GRA(LOCAL).

## **LOCKERS AND VEHICLES**

Students have full responsibility for the security of their lockers and for vehicles parked on school property. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that lockers and vehicles are locked and that the keys and combinations are not given to others. Students shall not place, keep, or maintain any article or material that is forbidden by District policy in lockers or in vehicles parked on school property.

School officials may search lockers or vehicles parked on school property if there is reasonable cause to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited items found in their lockers or in vehicles parked on school property. If a vehicle subject to search is locked, the student shall be asked to unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses, the District shall contact the student's parents. If the parents also refuse to permit a search of the vehicle, the District may turn the matter over to local law enforcement officials.

## **USE OF TRAINED DOGS**

The District shall use specially trained nonaggressive dogs to sniff out and alert officials to the current presence of concealed prohibited items, illicit substances defined in FNCF(LEGAL), and alcohol. This program is implemented in response to drug and alcohol related problems in District schools, with the

objective of maintaining a safe school environment conducive to education. Such visits to schools shall be unannounced. The dogs shall be used to sniff vacant classrooms, vacant common areas, the areas around student lockers, and the areas around vehicles parked on school property. The dogs shall not be used with students. If a dog alerts to a locker, a vehicle, or an item in a classroom, it may be searched by school officials. Searches of vehicles shall be conducted as described above.

## **NOTICE**

At the beginning of the school year, the District shall inform students of the District's policy on searches, as outlined above, and shall specifically notify students that:

1. Lockers may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.
2. Vehicles parked on school property may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.
3. Classrooms and other common areas may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time when students are not present.
4. If contraband of any kind is found, the possessing student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

## **PARENT NOTIFICATION**

The student's parent or guardian shall be notified if any prohibited articles or materials are found in a student's locker, in a student's vehicle parked on school property, or on the student's person, because of a search conducted in accordance with this policy.

## **DRUG-TESTING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the District's drug-testing program are as follows:

1. To provide a deterrent to drug use for any District student (hereinafter referred to as extracurricular participant or "ECP") who participates in extracurricular activities (hereinafter referred to as "ECA") in grades 7–12.
2. To provide a drug education program for those ECPs who test positive for drug use and for those ECPs who are at risk for drug use.
3. To ensure the health and safety of ECPs.

Guidelines for the District's drug-testing program are as follows:

1. All ECPs from grades 7–12 (male and female) involved in District ECAs and any student who parks at school shall be subject to this testing program.
2. All High School ECPs shall be initially tested a minimum of one time per semester (fall and spring) each school year and randomly tested throughout the school year. Middle School ECP's will be tested randomly.
3. ECPs selected for random testing shall be chosen from a pool of all ECPs [see item 2 at TESTING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS, below].
4. The method of screening shall be by an independent laboratory immunological screening procedure. All drugs detected by the screening shall be confirmed by gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (hereinafter referred to as GC/MS) before being reported as being detected. An ECP's admission of guilt shall constitute a positive screening. Failure to produce a sample in the allotted time shall be considered a positive screening.
5. Certified lab personnel and professional staff shall administer testing.
6. Each ECP who is selected shall be required to provide a urine, hair, or oral sample to the designee during the time constraints described in the TESTING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS, below.

### **DRUGS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING**

The following are substances which are eligible to be tested:

- Alcohol
- Amphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepine
- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Methaqualone
- Opiates: Codeine, heroin, morphine, papaverine phencyclidine
- Tetrahydro cannabinoids (THC): marijuana
- Steroids
- Synthetic Drugs
- Nicotine

Not every substance is tested during every sample collection time; however, all substances are eligible to be tested at any time.

## **TESTING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS**

1. Mandatory Testing: Every male and female ECP, grades 9 –12, and a student who parks on campus shall be tested a minimum of twice a year. MS students are subject to random testing. The student shall be required to submit a sample immediately upon request. All specimens shall be collected adhering to a strict chain of custody.
2. Random Testing: Every male and female ECP, grades 7 –12, and students who park on campus shall be eligible to be tested during the entire school year. The final number of random tests shall be determined by the drug program administrator (hereafter referred to as DPA) and the District vendor. ECPs shall be required to submit a sample immediately upon request. All specimens shall be collected, adhering to a strict chain of custody.
3. All positive screenings shall be confirmed by either the ECP's admission or an additional test from the same sample that will include GC/MS testing by the District vendor. A positive test result shall not constitute an offense if the ECP's parent/guardian provides the DPA with a valid legal prescription for the drug identified as positive by the test.
4. The District vendor shall take the specimens to an independent lab for processing. The District vendor shall send the results to the DPA. The ECP's identification number shall identify all specimens.
5. Noncompliance by any ECP with the above testing procedures shall be considered a violation of this policy and grounds for removal from ECAs within the District.
6. Each ECP in an ECA for grades 7–12 shall give consent to the extracurricular drug testing program. The consent should be agreed to on the school registration form each year; however, a hard copy form may be signed and kept on file. If the ECP or parent/guardian refuses to consent, the ECP shall be denied participation in extracurricular activities until said consent form is signed and, at the parent's/guardian's expense, undergoes drug testing with a negative result.
7. Any ECP refusing to be tested shall be subject to sanctions as if the ECP had tested positive. Failure to provide a specimen within two

hours shall constitute a refusal to test. Read mission to an ECA shall be contingent upon agreement to participate in the drug-testing program and a negative test result.

8. Any ECP caught cheating or tampering with a specimen taken by the DPA, testing monitors, or the vendor shall be subject to sanctions as if the ECP had tested positive.
9. The administering and/or interpretation of the expectations and testing procedures shall be left to the discretion of the District administrator of drug testing.

### **RETESTING PROCESS**

An adult student or a parent, at his or her expense, may request a retest of the same sample by another certified laboratory. The sample must be transferred following a strict, documented, chain of custody. A certified copy of the result must be mailed by that laboratory to the DPA. If the second result differs from the first, the second shall be the determining result. The ECP may not participate while the appeal is pending.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The collection and coding of specimen samples shall be executed in a manner ensuring total confidentiality and property identification. Only the ECP, the parent/guardian, the extracurricular sponsor, the athletic director, the campus principal, and the DPA shall know the test results. All test results shall be destroyed when the ECP no longer has extracurricular eligibility.

### **DRUG TESTING APPEAL PROCESS**

An appeal of a positive drug test finding must follow the prescribed process outlined in FNG(LOCAL).

### **VII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

To participate in any extracurricular activity, the student and parent or guardian must sign the acknowledgement form. The acknowledgement form states that the signing parties understand the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

**MFISD PARENT AND STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR  
HANDBOOK AND DRUG POLICY  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT INFORMATION**

*You acknowledged receipt and knowledge. Students will not be allowed to participate in Extracurricular Activities until this form is completed, signed, and returned.*

You attested to the fact that you received and read a copy of the MFISD's Extracurricular Handbook and Drug Testing Policy as part of the school registration process. Additionally, you stated that you understand that these expectations are part of the District's rules and that it applies to all high school and middle school students participating in Extracurricular Activities and students who park on campus. You indicated that you understand and consent to all the requirements of this code and understand the consequences that your student(s) will face if he/she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.