

MARBLE FALLS I.S.D.

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EXTRACURRICULAR HANDBOOK AND DRUG POLICY

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Remember: The classroom comes first!
- Help conduct fair and equitable competition: adhere to the rules; uphold the law and respect authority.
- Remember that officials are human. Respect their decisions.
- Delegate authority to the school and support its decisions.
- Set standards by which you expect children to conduct themselves and live by those standards yourself.
- Be involved in areas in which your own child is not involved, thus contributing to school unity and spirit.
- Show respect to the opponents of your children.
- Praise. Don't criticize. Urge others to do the same.

MARBLE FALLS I.S.D. EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means any 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 University Interscholastic League (UIL) and non-UIL activities and student organizations, such as Student Council and National Honor Society are extracurricular. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.

I. Conduct Expectations

1. The conduct of the Extracurricular Participant (ECP) is closely observed, in many areas of life. No student is obligated to take part in Extracurricular Activities (ECA), nor is it required for graduation. It is stressed that this is a PRIVILEGE, and the coaches and administrators have the authority to revoke this privilege when requirements are not met by the student. It is recognized that some of the following rules are stricter than for the general student body. However, the ECP is expected to accept and to follow the established rules.
2. Our ECP's and sponsors must understand that others do not always act appropriately, but we must insist that our sponsors and participants act in a sportsmanlike manner.
3. All of our students must be on time and prepared for all phases of the activity they are involved in. If they are not able to be on time or perform all of their responsibilities, they must communicate with their coach/sponsor as soon as possible.

4. In order to promote a positive educational and extracurricular environment for all students, all employees of MFISD are committed to upholding the “no hazing” policy as stated in the student code of conduct.
5. While a student is injured or ill but is still able to attend all activities they must report to the coach to determine what their responsibilities will be while they are not actively competing.
6. All students and sponsors should have and must show respect for each other.
7. Fighting and profanity are not suitable methods for resolving conflict.
8. Inappropriate touching, making out, sexual gestures or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public places are not acceptable actions in public for ECPs and will be addressed appropriately.
9. Any (possession/use) of tobacco and electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are not acceptable actions for ECP’s at any time and will be addressed appropriately by AD and/or Principal along with sponsor or coach.

Each individual sponsor/coach will have policies that deal with the discipline for these expectations. These policies with appropriate discipline methods will be explained before practice for the season begins. The appropriate administrator will be involved when these policies are applied.

II. Jurisdiction

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 those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* 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. This *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* will be enforced with 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 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 *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. No provision of an extracurricular behavioral standard shall have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex, race, disability, religion, or ethnicity.

Organizational standards of behavior of an extracurricular activity are independent 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 organizational standards of behavior of an extracurricular activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

District Prohibited Conduct

Marble Falls ISD students participating in extracurricular activities are prohibited from any violation(s) listed in the MFISD Student Code of Conduct.

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, Grade-Level Principal, 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.

IV. 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 doling out punishment 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. Events missed while at DAEP (Epic) do not count towards their suspension.
- 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

V. Alcohol/Drug Violations

Any violation of substances eligible for testing in the MFISD Drug Testing Policy will follow the sanctions listed in the Drug Testing Policy.

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. 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 in order 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.**

VI. Request for Conference

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, they should request a conference with the appropriate administrator. If unresolved, the District provides for the complaint to be presented to the Superintendent. If the complaint still remains

unresolved it will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

VII. Acknowledgement

In order 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.

LETTERING POLICIES

Athletic Awards: A student may qualify for a major award only in a varsity sport and only if he/she completes the season. Coaches will determine who letters according to individual sport policy and subject to approval of the Athletic Director.

Theater Arts: A student will qualify if he/she participates in the District One Act Play.

Cheerleaders: A Cheerleader has to have been a High School Cheerleader for 2 years, one of which is on the Varsity Squad.

Band: A student must be a member in good standing. A student entering the high school band program for the first time must have completed two full years of band at Marble Falls High School in addition the other requirements listed in the Band Grading and Lettering Guidelines

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

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/UII participants making the trip on the bus will return on the bus unless in an emergency situation 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 as long as they are aware of the inherent conflicts that can occur. In case of a conflict, a district competition/event should take precedent over nondistrict 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.

TOBACCO/E-CIG/VAPE

Any student in violation of tobacco/e-cig/vape (possession/use) will result in a suspension of 10% of scheduled events. The suspension will begin immediately. If the student is not actively involved in an extracurricular activity or not eligible for other reasons, the suspension will start with the next event in which the student is involved and eligible (minimum of 1 event). This will carry over from the end of one school year to the following year. A second offense of the tobacco/e-cig/vape rule will result in a suspension of 50% of scheduled events. A third offense is removal from athletics. Additional consequences will be assigned by the Head Coach of the current sport.

DISCIPLINE

Several different means of discipline will be used depending on each situation. Whatever type of discipline is required, the purpose is to help athletes and participants improve themselves and to become better people. Failure to accept this, on the part of the ECP, may result in dismissal from the ECA.

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 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.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

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.

1. The Marble Falls I. S. D. provides for 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.
2. 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.
3. Marble Falls I. S. D. assumes no responsibility as a result 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. **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.

7. The Marble Falls ISD and its employees are NOT responsible for any costs for treatment to your child by any doctor.
8. 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.**
9. 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.
10. 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

Marble Falls ISD Eligibility Calendar 2018-2019

GRADING PERIOD	GRADING PERIOD ENDS	ELIGIBILITY STAGE	DATE EFFECTIVE (As of 3:50pm)
Progress Report (PR1)	Sept. 7	Nothing	N/A
1 st Six Weeks Check (PR2)	Sept. 28	Lose	Oct. 5
1 st Nine Weeks (Q1)	Oct. 19	Gain/Lose	Oct. 26
Progress Report (PR3)	Nov. 9	Gain Only	Nov. 16
Progress Report (PR4)	Dec. 7	Gain Only	Dec. 14
2 nd Nine Weeks* (Q2)	Dec. 21	Gain/Lose	Jan. 15
Progress Report (PR5)	Jan. 28	Gain Only	Feb. 4
Progress Report (PR6)	Feb. 15	Gain Only	Feb. 22
3 rd Nine Weeks (Q3)	Mar. 15	Gain /Lose	Apr. 2
Progress Report (PR7)	Apr. 12	Gain Only	Apr. 19
Progress Report (PR8)	May 3	Gain Only	May 10
4 th Nine Weeks (Q4)	May 30	Credit-Based	

GRADING PERIOD	Length from start to date Grading Period Ends	GRADING PERIOD ENDS
Progress Report (PR1)	12	Sept. 7
1 st Six Weeks Check (PR2)	15	Sept. 28
1 st Nine Weeks (Q1)	13	Oct. 19
Progress Report (PR3)	9	Nov. 9
Progress Report (PR4)	15	Dec. 7
2 nd Nine Weeks* (Q2)	10	Dec. 21
Progress Report (PR5)	14	Jan. 28
Progress Report (PR6)	14	Feb. 15
3 rd Nine Weeks (Q3)	19	Mar. 15
Progress Report (PR7)	14	Apr. 12
Progress Report (PR8)	14	May 3
4 th Nine Weeks (Q4)	18	May 30

**This eligibility check is based on the nine weeks average, NOT the semester grade.*

GAIN/LOSE – Students will gain eligibility if they are passing **ALL** classes or lose eligibility if they fail **ANY** class (excluding those identified as honors or advanced classes**).

GAIN ONLY - Ineligible students have the opportunity to 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.

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 interdistrict 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.
- In order 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.]

MARBLE FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DRUG TESTING POLICY

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, as a result 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.

PLAN

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 shall be subject to this testing program.
2. All H.S. 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. M.S. 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 screen 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 period 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 at TESTING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS, below.

DRUGS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING

The following are substances which are eligible to be tested for:

- Alcohol
- Amphetamines
- Barbituates
- Benzodiazepine
- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Methaqualone
- Opiates: Codeine, heroin, morphine, papaverine phencyclidine
- Tetrahydrocannabinoids (THC): marijuana
- Steroids
- Synthetic Drugs

TESTING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

Testing procedures and protocols are as follows:

1. **Mandatory Testing:** Every male and female ECP, grades 9 –12, 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, 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 policy 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.

SANCTIONS FOR POSITIVE TESTING

Sanctions for testing positive shall be as follows:

1. All offenses are cumulative throughout the ECP's eligibility (grades 7 through 12).
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 that the ECP is involved in. 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 that the student has not previously participated in.**
4. The student must be academically eligible in order 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

Sanctions for the first offense include:

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

Sanctions for the second offense include:

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.
5. 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.

THIRD OFFENSE

Sanctions for the third offense include:

- 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
- 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

Sanctions for the fourth offense include:

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.

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

Parking privileges shall be reinstated at the end of a suspension period based on a negative test result.

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.

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.

APPEAL PROCESS

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

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

Middle School (Including, but not limited to)

Band
Cheerleaders
Competition Choir
Junior FFA
Creative Problem Solving
UIL
Theater
Jr. High Athletic Department
Volleyball
Student Council
Theater Arts
UIL Academics

High School (Including, but not limited to)

Band	Competition Choir
Football	Powerlifting
Student Council	FBLA
Baseball	Skills USA
Girls Basketball	FFA
UIL Academics	Softball
Boys Basketball	FCCLA
Girls Cross Country	Starlettes
UIL Journalism	Fishing Club
Boys Cross Country	Lovely Ladies
Girls Golf	Key Club
4-H	Thespians
Boys Soccer	
Girls Tennis	
Boys Tennis	
Girls Track	
Boys Track.	
NHS	
Chess Club	
PALS	
HOSA	
Cheerleaders	
Parking on District Property	

A copy of the Drug Testing Policy is available in Spanish upon request in the Central Office.

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

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PARENT AND STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR
HANDBOOK AND DRUG POLICY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

Please read, sign, date, and return this form. Students will not be allowed to participate in Extracurricular Activities until this form is completed, signed and returned.

We have received and read a copy of the MFISD's Extracurricular Handbook and Drug Testing Policy. We understand that this policy is part of the District's rules and that it applies to all high school and middle school students participating in Extracurricular Activities. We understand and consent to all the requirements of this code and understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Print Student's Name

Student Signature

Date

Grade

Parent Signature

Date

Please list all extracurricular activities in which your student is currently participating: