



La Vernia ISD

**Extracurricular Code of
Conduct**

2019 - 2020

1. Extracurricular Activities: General Provisions

What is an Extracurricular Activity?

- Any University Interscholastic League (UIL), School District, or campus-sponsored or related events such as public performances, events, contests, demonstrations, displays, club activities, or athletics, whether on-campus or off-campus.
- Most organizations that include elected offices and honors (such as student council or homecoming queen).
- All co-curricular activities, which are those held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class, but that may take place outside of school and outside of the school day (such as band, choir, FFA, BPA).
- All national organizations (some national organizations such as National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society are bound by national and local by-laws and are subject to additional standards of behavior for member conduct).
- Any activity held in conjunction with another activity that is considered to be an extracurricular activity (such as a meeting, practice, or fundraiser).

*****For a comprehensive listing of activities/clubs/events governed by the LVISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct, see the appendix on page 9.*****

Why are Extracurricular Activities important?

- They promote self-discipline, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, commitment, and student wellness.
- They enhance and enrich curricular educational offerings.
- They offer participants the opportunity to be leaders and role models on campus and in the community.
- They enable participants to represent the School District in a positive manner.
- They provide a snapshot of the student outside the classroom for colleges and universities.

2. Jurisdiction

Who is subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct?

Any student who participates in one or more extracurricular activities is subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct (ECC). A student is subject to the ECC from the time he/she is selected for, elected to, or otherwise joins an extracurricular activity and continues to be subject to the ECC from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in extracurricular activities.

When does the Extracurricular Code of Conduct apply?

The privilege of representing the School District carries with it a greater responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, and to serve as a role model for all students. Consequently, extracurricular activity participants are expected to comply with the ECC at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on-campus and off-campus conduct as well as evenings, weekends, holidays, and summer vacation.

3. Conduct Expectations

What is expected of Extracurricular Activity Participants?

Participants in extracurricular activities are representatives of the School District, and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times. Specifically, they **must**:

- Be in compliance with Texas Compulsory Attendance Laws, as well as the 90% rule; additionally, the student **MUST** be in attendance (full-day) at school on the day of the event in order to participate (exceptions include documented medical excuse, death in the family, or other extenuating circumstance at coach/admin discretion.)
- Maintain an average of 70% or better in all academic courses. Students in Pre-AP, AP, Honors, Dual-Credit, or OnRamps courses are allowed one waiver for each class to make themselves eligible.
- Be punctual and prepared for all games, practices, meetings, performances, camps, and/or other scheduled events related to an extracurricular activity.
- Treat all school property with respect and ensure that school property is returned upon request and in good condition (excluding reasonable wear and tear).
- Abide by the District's dress and grooming standards for students as well as any dress and grooming standards applicable to the specific activity.
- Comply with UIL rules, including those related to random drug and steroid testing, if applicable.
- Be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, spectators, parents, and officials, whether from La Vernia I.S.D. or from any other school district.
- Provide 48 hours advance written notice to the coach or sponsor of an activity if they are unable to attend a game, practice, meeting, performance, and/or other scheduled event related to the extracurricular activity. Consideration will be given in cases of emergency (e.g. acute illness, death in the family, etc.)
- Complete safety training and maintain certification as required regarding: the use of automated external defibrillators (AED's), recognizing the symptoms of injuries, and the risks of using dietary supplements if applicable.
- Comply with all the rules and guidelines in the ECC and those established for a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates.
- Comply with and adhere to the behavioral standards identified in the District Student Code of Conduct, and District Overnight Student Behavior Contract as it applies to travel.

4. Prohibited Conduct

What conduct is prohibited for Extracurricular Activity participants?

Category A Violations

- Engaging in theft, destruction, or misuse of school district property
- Failing to return school property as directed where the property is valued at greater than or equal to \$100.00
- Engaging in hazing, harassment, or bullying of others as defined by the La Vernia I.S.D. Student Code of Conduct
- Buying, selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of tobacco (including e-cigarettes, vaping and/or juuling,), alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance (without a proper prescription), inhalants (huffing), or a dangerous drug at any time and regardless of whether the student is on school property or at a school-related activity
- Engaging in any unreasonably dangerous activity or athletic technique that unnecessarily endangers the health or safety of a student
- Maintaining or being identified on a website or blog that depicts behavior that is illegal or is sexual in nature
- Sending, transmitting, or posting images or other material that is related to illegal or sexual activity
- Engaging in conduct prohibited by the District and/or Campus Student Code of Conduct that is punishable by placement in DAEP or expulsion

Category B Violations

- Being tardy to games, meetings, practices, performances, camps, and/or other events without permission from the activity sponsor or coach
- Being absent from games, meetings, practices, performances, camps, and/or other events without permission from the activity sponsor or coach
- Engaging in acts of poor sportsmanship, such as cheating, using profane language, or taunting other participants
- Being insubordinate to a coach or sponsor
- Being disruptive during a game, meeting, practice, performance, camp, and/or other event
- Leaving the site, campus, or secure area of an off-campus extracurricular activity event without consent from or notification to the sponsor

Prohibited Conduct: Category B Violations Continued

- Failing to return school district property as directed where the property is valued at less than \$100.00
- Violating the established rules or guidelines of a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates
- Violating the District's standards for dress and grooming or the standards set for the specific extracurricular activity
- Engaging in general misconduct prohibited by the District and/or Campus Student Code of Conduct

5. Consequences

Category A Violations

First Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for **3** school weeks.

Second Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for **6** school weeks.

Third Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation from **ALL** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any extracurricular activities or events during the summer months.

Fourth Offense:

The student's participation in **ALL** extracurricular activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus, or any other La Vernia I.S.D. campus serving the same grade levels as the campus the student currently attends. For example, the remainder of the student's high school career.

Category B Violations

First Offense:

The student will receive a verbal warning and reprimand and will be directed to refrain from future violations. It is incumbent on the sponsor to document the verbal warning.

Second and Third Offenses:

The student will be suspended from participation for 2 school weeks.

Consequences: Category B Violations Continued

Fourth Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation from **ALL** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any extracurricular activities or events during the summer months.

Fifth Offense:

The student's participation in **ALL** extracurricular activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus, or any other La Vernia ISD campus serving the same grade levels as the campus the student currently attends. For example, the remainder of the student's high school career.

Notes:

“Weeks” means school weeks but also includes holidays and weekends on which an extracurricular competition or event occurs, such as camps during the summer or on school holidays.

“Suspended” means that the student will not be permitted to participate in any competition, contest, scrimmage, performance, or election associated with an extracurricular activity. The student may continue to participate in practices.

An extracurricular activity participant starts each school year with a clean slate, unless he or she had participation activities revoked during the previous school year, in which case that revocation continues from year to year. In addition, any consequence that were assessed during the prior school year for which the student owes additional suspension time must still be completed. For example, a student who was suspended from participation for 4 school weeks during the last week of school may have an additional 3 weeks of suspension to complete beginning with the next school year.

6. Procedures

Who determines that a violation of the ECC has occurred?

The activity sponsor or coach will determine whether a violation of the ECC has occurred and will assess the appropriate consequence. *It is incumbent on the administration to let sponsors or coaches know about infractions that occur outside of the extracurricular activity.*

How will consequences be assessed for different violations of the ECC?

Consequences for violating the District's ECC are assessed based on the severity of the violation and the commission of prior ECC violations.

Is a student entitled to participate in extracurricular activities?

No. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. As such, a student's participation may be revoked at the district's discretion.

How will parents be notified that a violation of the ECC has occurred?

Parents will be notified of all violations that result in suspension from participation in extracurricular activities. The activity sponsor or coach will contact the student and the student's parent via telephone or face-to-face conference within 5 school days from the time the activity sponsor or coach learns of such a violation. At this time, the activity sponsor or coach will inform the parent and student that a violation of the ECC has occurred, discuss with them the applicable consequences, and give the student an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

What if a parent does not agree with the decision?

All appeals will be addressed through the District's complaint process, contained in policies FNG (Legal) and (Local). A decision of the La Vernia I.S.D. Board of Trustees regarding an extracurricular activity complaint is final and is not appealable.

Appendix

Secondary Activities Governed by the Extracurricular Code of Conduct				
UIL Athletics	UIL Academics	UIL Fine Arts	Co-curricular	Clubs/Activities
Football	Speech and Debate	Dance	FFA	Student Council
Basketball	Academic Meets	Band	BPA	Class Officers
Track & Field	OAP/Tech Theater	Choir	Cyberpatriots	NHS
Baseball		VASE	Culinary Arts	NJHS
Soccer				Flag Runners
Volleyball				Homecoming Court
Cheer				
Golf				
Tennis				
Cross Country				
Athletic Trainers				

Acknowledgement

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by La Vernia ISD's Extracurricular Code of Conduct for the 2019-2020 school year. I understand that I will be held accountable for the behavior expectations and consequences outlined in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. I understand that by participating in extracurricular activities, I am a representative of La Vernia ISD and a role model to my peers and throughout the community; therefore, the Extracurricular Code of Conduct governs my behavior at all times, and applies both on and off school property. I understand that the behavior expectations of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct are in addition to those included in the La Vernia ISD Student Code of Conduct. I understand that violations of the behavior standards of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in my being disciplined under both the Extracurricular Code of Conduct and the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Campus _____

Grade Level _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____