

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PLEDGE (Pledge)

Extracurricular and co-curricular activities are a privilege. Students who participate in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities in grades 6-12 are held to a higher standard and are required to sign a Pledge not to drink alcoholic beverages or use nicotine products illegally, or take illegal drugs or be in possession of drug paraphernalia, or attend or remain at an activity where alcohol or drugs are being consumed illegally. Both students and parents are required to sign the pledge. The consequences for violating the pledge are outlined in detail in the updated Student-Parent Handbook. *A student and/or parent's failure to sign the Pledge does not exempt the student from Pledge consequences.*

The Pledge in no way replaces or supersedes the Student Code of Conduct or Education Code, or the mandates of the Texas Education Code. Violation of the Pledge may also constitute a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. If it does, disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct may also be imposed by the District. The Pledge is as follows:

As a participant in an extracurricular and/or co-curricular activity in the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, I realize that I am a role model for others as well as a leader.

***I PLEDGE
not to drink alcoholic beverages
or use tobacco illegally
or take illegal drugs
or be in possession of drug paraphernalia
or remain at an activity where alcohol or drugs
are being consumed illegally.***

The Pledge is in effect year-round. Consequences will be administered during the subsequent school session for violations that occur during summer break. School-sponsored extracurricular and co-curricular activities in which students perform or compete are covered by the Pledge and include, but are not limited to, Band, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Choir, Cross Country, Drill Team, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Journalism, Mascots, Soccer, Softball, Speech/Debate/Drama, Spirit Rustlers, Pep Boys, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, UIL Academic Contests, Volleyball, Water Polo and Wrestling.

A Violation Is Defined As:

1. Consuming or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol or using tobacco illegally.
2. Remaining at an activity where alcohol or drugs are being consumed illegally.
3. Possessing alcohol, an illegal drug, or tobacco illegally or possessing drug paraphernalia (as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code).
4. Receiving a citation or filing of a local agency report. Examples of citations would include, but are not limited to:
 - DWI = Driving While Intoxicated
 - DUI = Driving Under the Influence
 - MIP = Minor in Possession
 - MIC = Minor in Consumption
5. Testing positively through the district's random drug testing program.

In Order for a Student to be considered in Violation, Any One of the Following Conditions Must Occur:

1. The student or the student’s parent(s) admit to a violation.
2. A GCISD staff member must witness the student violation. (Note: External photographs, videos, or other electronic media will not be admissible as evidence of a violation.)
3. A local agency report or citation must be filed. (Examples of citations would include, but is not limited to, DWI, DUI, MIP, and MIC)
4. A positive drug test must exist through the district’s random drug testing program.

Discipline Committee

Once it has been determined that a violation (other than a positive drug test) occurred, the school’s Discipline Committee will meet with the student AND at least one parent/guardian. The three-member Discipline Committee consists of:

- Athletics: Girls and Boys Campus Athletic Coordinators, and Campus Administrator
- Fine Arts/Academics: Director, Assigned Asst. Principal, and Associate Principal

If the coach or director is the direct supervisor of the student, a substitute coach/director appointed by the principal will serve on the committee.

The Discipline Committee will consider all of the information about the violation, including any previous offenses, and determine the consequences for the violation.

The principal approves the discipline recommended by the Discipline Committee. The principal also, after the consequences have been completed, will give the approval for the student to return to the activity.

Consequences

Consequences of Pledge violations shall be cumulative through the student’s enrollment in the District.

If the violation includes a positive drug test, a citation or arrest (for alcohol, tobacco, etc.), suspension from activities must be one of the consequences assessed. The Discipline Committee may also add other consequences as appropriate. These consequences could be: physical conditioning, program service, or community service. If consequences other than suspension are not completed expediently (as determined by the Committee), the Committee may suspend the student from activities until the consequences are completed.

Appeal

A student or parent may appeal a decision made under this policy in accordance with FNG (LOCAL). The District shall not accept for any part of its drug-testing program (including for purposes of an appeal of a positive test) any test results submitted by a parent or student from drug tests not performed by the District’s contracted testing laboratory. The student shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities while the appeal is pending.

For specific consequences and other information, please refer to the Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activity Pledge in the Student-Parent Handbook and Code of Conduct which can be found on the district website.

Student’s Printed Name _____

Campus _____

Student’s Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____