

EXTRACURRICULAR STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GRADES 7 - 12

I. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The term “extracurricular activities” means any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and/or approved by the Lockhart Independent School District’s Board of Trustees and the school district administrators and staff members and sponsored at the district or campus levels. All University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic and athletic activities, student councils, honor societies, student clubs, and other such student organizations are extracurricular. Extracurricular activities also include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, and club activities. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.

Any one of five criteria can subject an activity to the provisions of an extracurricular activity:

- 1) the activity is competitive;
- 2) the activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered to be extracurricular;
- 3) the activity is held on campus, except in a case in which adequate facilities do not exist on campus;
- 4) the general public is invited; or
- 5) any admission is charged. (Chapter 19, Texas Administrative Code, Section 76.1001)

The purpose of extracurricular activities is to provide for individual student development in more inclusive ways not always possible in the academic classroom alone. **Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.**

The philosophy of the district and campus is that all students should avail themselves of one to three extracurricular activities each year. However, just as students can miss many valuable lessons and opportunities by having no involvement, students may overextend their time, energy, and other resources by concurrently participating in an excessive number of extracurricular activities.

Extracurricular activities offered in grades 7-12 include, but are not limited to, National/Junior Honor Society, student council, competitive academics, competitive athletics, band, choir, cheerleading/pep squad, drill/dance team, yearbook/newspaper publications, and numerous class and organizational clubs.

