

Farmersville Independent School District

Athletic Code of Student Conduct

1. Extracurricular Activities

The phrase “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, any other activity or group that participates in contests, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event and 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 athletic activity participants are subject of this Athletic Code of Conduct.

2. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged by Farmersville ISD. Farmersville ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with the 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 student conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves but other students and the school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as a Farmersville ISD student. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Farmersville ISD student body at all times and places.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to student’s directions in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Farmersville ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this Athletic Code of Conduct extends beyond the Farmersville ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline.

The Athletic Code of Conduct will be enforced with all students grades 7-12 participating in athletics:

- 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 occur

- Regardless of whether the extracurricular event is in season
- Regardless of where or when the conduct occurs

It is possible that a student who violates the Farmersville ISD Code of Conduct will occur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his/her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate TEAM rules set by Head Coaches that vary from the Athletic Code of Conduct and they could be subjected to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the Farmersville ISD Code of Conduct.

3. Expected number of sports an Athlete MUST participate in/Spring involvement

- All student athletes will be expected to be in a minimum of **2 sports** at Farmersville ISD (this will include: (Off Season/ Athletic Training/Cheer/Team Mgrs). Students will also be in then athletic period for a calendar year. We encourage that all student athletes participate in multiple sports here at Farmersville ISD to create a competitive spirit and build any **OVERALL ATHLETIC PROGRAM** (students that have academic issues or academic status can be subject to participation in 1 sports/Athletic Director and Principal will determine the status). We fill that building an athlete who participates in multiple sports builds character, commitment, and discipline. Also, with being a multiple sport athlete, this helps student athletes to stay engaged in school (grades) and looks great on a college applications, and helps with the recruiting process (college) of the student athlete. Being a small school we need the involvement in multiple sports to make our program a success here in the state of Texas. Most every successful program in the state use this method of involvement.
- **WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE AND RECOMMEND that our student athletes participate in Track and Powerlifting in the spring semester.** This allows your son/daughter to become the best athlete they can be. Track and Powerlifting create a dynamic, strong, conditioned, competitive athlete (the student/athlete can just participate in the practices without attending meets). They will be **ENCOURAGED** to be at track practice or powerlifting each day before/after school. We also **ENCOURAGE** that they participate in the meets with these 2 sports, but not required. If the student athlete has already participated in 2 sports prior to track or powerlifting, he/she does not have to participate in the meets but will still be **ENCOURAGED AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to go to the practices in order to prepare each student athlete accordingly.
- The overall goal of the Farmersville ISD Athletic Department is to develop young men/women as students and athletes. We will a **COMPETITIVE, DISCIPLINED AND SUCCESFUL PROGRAM**. We will be recognized in that state as a program on the rise. In order to do this, the standards set above must be followed.

4. Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the coach or sponsor:

- Students' commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however, students may not quit one sport or organization after the first contest, in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he/she quit is still active. If a student is involved in two activities at the same time, quitting one activity will not affect the student's status in the other activity.
- All athletes participating in Farmersville ISD athletics made a commitment to the team, their teammates, and their school. Each program demands the dedication of time and energy of the athlete. Part of this commitment is to be a student first and strive for academic excellence. Another part of this commitment is to place the Farmersville ISD athletic team above participation in any non-school sanctioned activity and attend all practices and games scheduled by Farmersville ISD coaches.
- If an athlete chooses to miss a Farmersville ISD athletic practice because of participation in an activity not under the direction of Farmersville ISD (e.g. non-UIL extracurricular activities such as club sports) then the athlete may be suspended for one game. On the second offense, the athlete has chosen an outside activity over a Farmersville ISD sport and he/she may be released from the team.
- In the event an athlete misses a Farmersville ISD athletic contest to participate in an activity not under the direction of Farmersville ISD, the student-athlete has chosen that activity over the Farmersville ISD sport and he/she may be released from the team.
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involves competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior towards visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. Farmersville ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, and competitive play.
- Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should call the coach, sponsor, team captain, or club president as soon as they are aware they will be absent. Missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made-up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester (Head Coaches discretion).
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group. Injured or ill students who are unable to attend practices or games must let the Head Coach know. The student can bring a physician's note or a note from a parent or guardian excusing them from practice or games (if seen fit, students can use a parent note but will need to see a physician if it is prolonged).
- Students are required at all times to show respect to coaches and sponsors
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the Farmersville ISD Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

5. Prohibited Conduct

Farmersville ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

1. Possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products
2. Possessing or using drug paraphernalia
3. Possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband in any way
4. Possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug.
5. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense related to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals.
6. Engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the Farmersville ISD Student Code of Conduct.
7. Attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and leave the premises)
8. Riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of alcohol
9. Stealing (this includes all equipment issued to the student-athlete)
10. Conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property
11. Using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures done physically or in writing; no hit lists or slam books
12. Fighting (Locker Rooms/Games/Practice/School)
13. Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers (excluded traffic/parking tickets)
14. Inappropriate behavior including "making out" in public places or school building, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public
15. Inappropriate behavior in public places
16. Posting profanity, threatening, lewd or vulgar language, inappropriate pictures, and/or unbecoming content on the internet (Facebook/Twitter/etc.)
17. Sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, and sexually-oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
18. Engaging in bullying, harassment, and/or making hit lists
19. Engaging in threatening behavior towards another student or district employee on or off school property
20. Engaging in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual contact directed toward another students or district employee
21. Engaging in verbal or written exchanges that threaten the safety of another student, a school employee, or school property

22. Engaging in inappropriate behavior, lewd comments or conduct, bullying on social media sites.
(Twitter/Facebook/Instagram)

6. Procedures

The coach and/or the Athletic Director will determine whether an Athletic Code of Conduct violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an Athletic Code of Conduct violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- The student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- The Athletic Director/administrator, and the appropriate school counselor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities

Nothing in this Athletic Code of Conduct limits the authority of a coach or Athletic Director to impose reasonable sanctions, including extra workouts, for students who breach team or organization conduct expectations but do not engage in prohibited conduct.

7. Disciplinary Action

Coaches and the Athletic Director will review all of the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary actions. Coaches and the Athletic Director will strive for consistence in meting out punishment for Athletic Code of Conduct violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular athletic activities may be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- Suspension from the all extracurricular athletic activities
- Removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense
- Removal from the team

The head coach of the sport and the Athletic Director will meet to determine the punishment(s) for each student.

-If a student is put in AEP for any amount of days, he or she cannot return too UIL games or events until they have made up the workouts missed while serving AEP. While the students is making up the days missed, the students will not be allowed to participate in games but can participate in off-season and practices.

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- If a student quits a sport, he or she cannot start another sport until the sport they have quit is done for the calendar year. If the head coach and student agree that the best interest for the student is to move onto another sport, they will have a 10 day grace period to figure out the best fit for the student, and team. If it is past 10 days then the student will have to finish the sport or sit out until the end of the sport that is quit.

- If a student quits during a practice or game they have 24 hour cooling off period to think about the decision made. The student can come back during that time but will have to make up the workout and any punishment levied by the head coach. If it is after the 24 hours then the student will be removed from the team. The head coach will also be responsible for contacting parent/guardian during this time.

Offenses involving possession/use of drugs or alcohol or involvement in a criminal offense at a non-school function: DRUG TESTING

If a drug test results in a positive, then the parent will be notified of the results. If the student is an adult or married, the student shall be notified.

1st Offense: For the first positive test result, the following measures shall be required:

- A. A test performed by the drug-testing laboratory to confirm the initial test results
- B. Parent/Guardian meeting if student is not married or not an adult
- C. Probation/Suspension from all UIL-sanctioned activities for 30 days until another drug test is performed. If a student is indeed failed. He or She will be suspended for 30 UIL school days.
- D. The student will be tested during all random tests for the remainder of his/her high school career.
- E. Prior to reinstatement to any extracurricular activity the student shall meet with the principal, the drug-testing coordinator, and the respective coach or sponsor of the extracurricular activity. Reinstatement shall be contingent upon approval of the drug-testing coordinator and the principal. The parent shall be contacted.

2nd Offense: For a second positive test result, the following measures shall be required:

- A. A test performed by the drug-testing laboratory to confirm the initial test results
- B. Parent/Guardian meeting if student is not married or not an adult
- C. Suspension from all UIL-sanctioned activities for 90 days. This is a non- negotiable.
- D. The student will be tested during all random tests for the remainder of his/her high school career
- E. Prior to reinstatement to any extracurricular activity the student shall meet with the principal, the drug-testing coordinator, and the respective coach or sponsor of the extracurricular activity. Reinstatement shall be contingent upon approval of the drug-testing coordinator and the principal. The parent shall be contacted.

- F. The student shall complete an accredited drug-education program. The drug-testing coordinator shall monitor the student's attendance in the program. A letter from the program's counselor shall be required prior to reinstatement to any extracurricular activity.

3rd Offense: For a third positive test result, the following measures shall be required:

- A. A test performed by the drug-testing laboratory to confirm the initial test results
- B. Parent/Guardian meeting if student is not married or not an adult
- C. REMOVAL FROM ATHLETICS FOR A CALENDAR YEAR. STUDENT/ATHLETES REINSTATEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. IF STUDENT IS REINSTATED, AND FAILS ANOTHER DRUG TEST. STUDENT/ATHLETE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE REST OF HIS OR SHE'S HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.
- D. Prior to reinstatement to any extracurricular activity the student shall meet with the principal, the drug-testing coordinator, and the respective coach or sponsor of the extracurricular activity. Reinstatement shall be contingent upon approval of the drug-testing coordinator and the principal. The parent shall be contacted.
- E. The student shall complete an accredited drug-education program. The drug-testing coordinator shall monitor the student's attendance in the program. A letter from the program's counselor shall be required prior to reinstatement to any extracurricular activity.

The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his/her assessment of the situation.

8. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Farmersville ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. We will answer any questions you have concerning our athletic program of insurance and injuries.

9. Eligibility

All students are eligible as long as they meet UIL requirements for eligibility. To remain eligible, a student must be passing all classes and have acceptable conduct as outlined in the Athletic Code of Conduct.

10. Activities-Transportation

Students will ride school-provided transportation to and from all events. Exceptions are for extreme emergencies/or travel issues that are approved by the coach with a written notice (*travel release form) given in advance. A student will only be released to a parent/guardian.

If a student is representing Farmersville ISD in one activity he/she may be transported to a second Farmersville ISD activity by a parent/guardian with previous knowledge and consent by both coaches/sponsors.

Everyone is expected to always have a ride to and from all practices and home games. Prompt delivery and pick-up is expected from school.

11. Fundraising and Booster Clubs

All students/athletes/participants may be required to fundraise.. All fundraising money is the responsibility of the student/athlete/participant. If money is lost or stolen, individuals are still required to pay the full amount that is owed. Also, if there is anything that is left unpaid or not turned in, it can keep the student from participating the following year.

Booster clubs are optional but allowed.

12. Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the Athletic Code of Conduct. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Date: _____

I have read the Farmersville ISD Student Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Farmersville ISD extracurricular athletic activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

Student Name (Print Neatly) _____

Student Signature _____

I have read the Farmersville ISD Student Athletic Code of Conduct and understand the requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Farmersville ISD extracurricular athletic activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Parents Name _____

Parents Signature _____