

North East Independent School District

Fine Arts Code of Conduct

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North East ISD offers all students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities including band, orchestra, choir, theatre, spirit, clubs and organizations. Participation is encouraged as a portion of the 360-degree North East ISD educational experience to develop skills and knowledge in addition to academics.

Regulations have been established to promote appropriate behavior of the students representing the schools through their leadership roles and participation in Fine Arts extracurricular activities, which are a privilege and not a right. Students participating in these extracurricular activities are deemed to represent their respective school at all times, whether on or off school grounds. For this reason, the expectations for students involved in Fine Arts extracurricular activities exceed the expectations for the general student body. Students participating in Fine Arts extracurricular activities are expected to follow the District's Student Code of Conduct, the Fine Arts Code of Conduct and any constitution and/or handbooks of the specific extracurricular organization in which they participate. The expectations for each specific extracurricular organization will be developed and approved by the campus director/coach, campus principal and Fine Arts director. Violations of the applicable rules will result in corrective and/or disciplinary action. Such corrective and/or disciplinary actions for rule violations will be imposed based upon the facts and circumstances revealed through investigation or review of the alleged infraction(s).

Please read the NEISD Fine Arts Code of Conduct carefully. Administrators, the Fine Arts Department and the Fine Arts directors/coaches developed these guidelines. After reading this document, it is necessary that you and your parent/guardian sign all appropriate places and return a signed copy to the director/coach of the program in which you plan to participate. It is suggested that you keep a copy at home for reference.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR GOALS

1. All Fine Arts extracurricular students are to conduct themselves properly and should always show respect to their administrators, teachers, coaches and fellow students.
2. Fine Arts extracurricular students are to display and model the positive behaviors associated with good citizenship both at school and in the community.
3. Fine Arts extracurricular students are to serve as positive representatives for their programs, schools and North East ISD during competition, interactions with other districts' programs and at all other times.
4. Fine Arts extracurricular students are to strive for academic excellence and to adhere to the campus handbooks/constitutions for their specific campus and extracurricular activity, Student Code of Conduct and the Fine Arts Code of Conduct.

STUDENT GROOMING AND APPEARANCE

Regulations are established to promote and establish a positive and uniform appearance of Fine Arts extracurricular students representing the program in performance and competition. It is recognized that some expectations for Fine Arts extracurricular students may exceed the expectations for the general student body. Full compliance with the North East Student Handbook dress code is expected and will be enforced. Students in Fine Arts extracurricular activities must adhere to the expected appearance and grooming guidelines set forth by their specific extracurricular activity, to include the use of uniforms.

Consequences

The use, possession or distribution of illegal or controlled substances or involvement in other violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be addressed with disciplinary actions by the Fine Arts extracurricular activity director/coach **in addition** to any disciplinary actions taken by the school, District or law enforcement agency. The student alleged to be involved in a violation will be provided an opportunity to address the allegations. An investigation will be completed prior to a decision being made regarding the allegations. Any student involved in Fine Arts extracurricular activities found to be in violation of the aforementioned rules will face

disciplinary action regardless of the time or place of the violation. This includes on campus, off campus and the internet/social media.

Once the determination has been made that a violation occurred, the general guidelines for student discipline as outlined in the North East ISD [Board Policy FO \(Local\)](#) will be used, when possible, and applied to all cases concerning the District's Fine Arts Code of Conduct. The following disciplinary actions will be administered throughout the District when infractions occur including, but not limited to: drugs, alcohol, tobacco, hazing, felony with bodily harm, conviction of a felony, nudity or promotion of pornography, to include "sexting" activities as discussed more fully below.

Following an offense, a formal conference will be conducted involving the student, parent/guardian, Fine Arts director/coach and campus administrator. A written and signed notice of the conference will be provided to the parent and student. Length of suspension from participation in an extracurricular activity will be determined by the following in alignment with the [NEISD Student Code of Conduct](#).

CATEGORY I OFFENSES- MANDATORY EXPULSIONS (Texas Education Code Section 37.007) Students SHALL BE expelled and referred to the Juvenile Justice Academy (JJA) for any of the offenses listed in the Student/Parent Handbook under category I offenses, if committed on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

Category I Offense **Minimum suspension for the remainder of the school year up to permanent removal. The student may not participate in the extracurricular activity anytime during the suspension period.**

CATEGORY II OFFENSES- Students SHALL BE placed in a disciplinary alternative education placement (DAEP) or MAY BE expelled and referred to the Juvenile Justice Academy (JJA) for offenses listed in the Student/Parent Handbook under category II offenses.

CATEGORY III OFFENSES- Except as provided by Texas Education Code Section 37.007 (a)(3), students SHALL BE removed from class and placed in a DAEP, as provided by Texas Education Code Section 37.006 for offenses listed in the Student/Parent Handbook under category III offenses.

Category II & III Offense **(First offense) Minimum 9 weeks (45 school days) suspension up to removal for the remainder of the school year. This suspension begins after the student returns from the DAEP placement; this time is not concurrent. The student may not participate in the extracurricular activity anytime during the suspension period.**

(Second offense) Minimum 18 weeks (90 school days) suspension up to permanent removal. This suspension begins after the student returns from the DAEP placement; this time is not concurrent. The student may not participate in the extracurricular activity anytime during the suspension period.

CATEGORY IV OFFENSES- Students MAY BE placed in a DAEP for offenses while on school property, at any school facility, at any school sponsored or school-related activity, or on a school bus for offenses listed in the Student/Parent Handbook under category IV offenses.

Category IV Offense **(First offense) Minimum 3 week (15 school day) suspension up to removal for the remainder of the school year. This suspension begins after the student completes their discipline assigned by the campus; this time is not concurrent. The student may not participate in the extracurricular activity anytime during the suspension period.**

(Second offense) Minimum 6 week (30 school day) suspension up to permanent removal. This suspension begins after the students completes their discipline assigned by the campus; this time is not concurrent. The student may not participate in the extracurricular activity anytime during the suspension period.

- **Suspensions also include any extracurricular activities/events occurring over a weekend. Students may not participate in extracurricular activities while serving their campus assigned discipline consequence.**

UNACCEPTABLE AND INAPPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:

Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal. This prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether the equipment used to send such messages is district-owned or personally owned, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as "sexting," will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct, may be required to complete an educational program related to the dangers of this type of behavior, and, in certain circumstances, may be reported to law enforcement. Because engaging in this type of behavior can lead to bullying or harassment, as well as possibly impede future endeavors of a student, we encourage you to review with your child the information presented on the following website: <http://beforeyoutext.com>, a state-developed program that addresses the consequences of engaging in inappropriate behavior using technology. In addition, any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the district's computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, and, in some cases, the consequence may rise to the level of expulsion from the District.

CONSEQUENCE:

At a minimum a conference with student and parent/guardian up to removal for the remainder of the school year, depending on the severity of the infraction. This suspension begins after the student completes their discipline assigned by the campus; this time is not concurrent. The student may not participate in the extracurricular activity anytime during the suspension period.

The discipline consequences for violation of the Fine Arts Code of Conduct may include suspension or dismissal from the extracurricular program. Such actions, if any, shall be taken by the directors/coaches of the extracurricular activity only after consultation with school administration. A behavior conference may also be used following any rule infractions. Consequences for some rule infractions may be addressed by the director through discipline within the student's Fine Arts program (i.e. reduced performance time, role or position reassignments, contracts, etc.). Additional disciplinary consequences can also be imposed by the appropriate school officials for conduct or behavior that violates the District's Code of Student Conduct.

NOTE: If the offense occurs during the summer, the suspension will begin with the first week of school. If the offense occurs at the end of the year, the remaining suspension will carry over to the next year in which the student participates.

Student Leadership

Students in leadership positions and students who participate in extracurricular activities, on or off campus and on the internet/social media, are subject at all times to school district policy, including this Code, and UIL rules. The student's privilege of participation in these activities may be revoked, suspended, or otherwise adversely affected at any time when:

1. the director/coach of an extracurricular activity or a campus administrator determines that the student's conduct has an incidental or direct negative effect on the student's team or activity, school campus or school district; and/or

2. the director/coach of an extracurricular activity or a campus administrator determines that the student's conduct warrants the revocation of the student's leadership role, as a disciplinary measure; and/or

3. the director/coach of an extracurricular activity or a campus administrator determines that the student's conduct warrants the revocation or suspension of the student's extracurricular activities as a disciplinary measure

TERMINOLOGY

- **Suspension/Probation** – removal from performance. Students will continue to practice/rehearse unless otherwise determined by the director/instructor.
- **Removal** — refers to taking a student out of the Fine Arts program. Removal is generally intended to be for the length of an expulsion, for one year, or for the remainder of the student's career.
- **Behavior Conference** — a conference conducted between the student in question, the student's parent/guardian and the campus administrator. It is to be documented and placed in the student's file.
- **Consequences** – may range from a warning, to a conference, to conditioning drills, Level I or Level II ISS (In School Suspension), DAEP (Disciplinary Alternative Education Program) assignment, expulsion, removal for a period of time or removal for the remainder of the student's career may also be assessed by an administrator as a consequence. (ISS LEVEL ONE or LEVEL TWO – Students may practice but not participate in performances until school is out on the last day of stay in ISS.
- **Length of penalties** — penalties that involve suspension of days will require that the days run consecutively as calendar days beginning with the first day the violation is reported and continue until school is out on the last day of the penalty.
- **Carryover penalties** — penalties that occur late in the school year or at a time such that the days cannot be served prior to the end of school will carry over to the next school year.

ALL APPEALS BY A STUDENT OF CONSEQUENCES OR DECISIONS DESCRIBED IN THE FINE ARTS CODE OF CONDUCT WILL FOLLOW NORMAL NEISD GUIDELINES AS DESCRIBED IN SCHOOL [BOARD POLICY FNG \(LOCAL\)](#).

Student-Parent Fine Arts Code of Conduct Acknowledgment Form

North East Independent School District officially adopted a District Behavior Management Plan including a Fine Arts Code of Conduct that promotes a positive and constructive approach to the improvement of learning situations and the overall school environment. It was developed through the commitment, cooperation, and involvement of the District's administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, and students in keeping with the guidelines of the Texas Education Code. The Fine Arts Code of Conduct is intended to serve as a resource to students, parents/guardians, and staff. This document defines rights and responsibilities of each participant in Fine Arts extracurricular activities and provides general information regarding District policies, practices, and procedures. The Fine Arts Code of Conduct is not an all-inclusive document and may be altered periodically.

Please review this information so that there is a shared understanding of the District's expectations for student behavior and resulting consequences, as well as, the general practices of the District/Fine Arts Department.

Please remove this page and return the signed and completed form as instructed by your campus director/coach.

If you have any questions relating to the Fine Arts Code of Conduct, please contact your child's director/coach.

I received a copy of the North East ISD Fine Arts Code of Conduct. I understand that I/my child will be responsible for adhering to the rules and procedures as outlined in this document. I acknowledge I have read and understand the contents of this document.

Student Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

School _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S FINE ARTS PROGRAM.