



BELLEVUE
EXTRACURRICULAR
POLICY

Bellevue ISD

Bellevue ISD extracurricular programs represent an important aspect of total student learning, where students are afforded an opportunity for physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and social growth, and where the district's mission of educational excellence is enhanced.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a student's choice; therefore, is a privilege and not a right. Coaches of extracurricular activities may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the district developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards.

Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property. Student participants at Bellevue ISD will be held to a higher stand of expectations as they are representatives of Bellevue ISD. A student and their parents shall sign and return the extracurricular policy to the coach stating that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity. [Board Policy FO (Local)]. The following are expected of participants:

We believe all Bellevue extracurricular participants should be diligent in preparation, relentless in effort, disciplined by nature, respectful in actions, self-controlled with words, humble in spirit, and aggressive in pursuit of excellence, without regard to score, opponent, time, or referee. As athletes display these characteristics, great things happen: teams are successful, players are motivated, fans are supportive and enthusiastic, parents are proud, prospective athletes want to participate, and very often character is enhanced in all involved.

As a Bellevue Eagle, our young men and young ladies have an image to reflect: one of leadership, character, responsibility, competitive spirit, and integrity. Students are not required to take part in extracurricular activities. Therefore, it is imperative that all students taking part in

extracurricular programs understand the following responsibilities, rules, and that the coaches, sponsors, and directors of the program have the right to remove that privilege.

Training Rules:

Extracurricular policies apply to student participants year-round. Breaking the training rules involves the following: receiving a ticket by the police, being visibly seen by a school employee in person or social media.

Standards of Behavior

1. Participants will show respect to all administrators, teachers, and other adults with whom they come into contact.
2. Participants shall not use profanity.
3. Participants are expected to participate in their classes and do their best in the classroom.
4. Participants will be expected to be on time for all classes, practices, trips and any other scheduled events unless they have notified the teacher or coach prior.
5. Participants will remember at all times when they are on an extracurricular trip, they are representing the school and community from the time the bus is boarded until they return home.
6. Participants will be expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
7. Participants will conform to all rules, procedures, and guidelines established by the University Interscholastic League, Bellevue ISD Student Handbook, and Bellevue ISD Student Code of Conduct.

***Note- Standards of behavior for extracurricular activities are independent of the Student Code of Conduct or Student Handbook. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct or the Student Handbook may result in independent disciplinary actions. A participant may be assigned additional disciplinary consequences such as OFIs (Opportunities for Improvement), suspension, or removal from participation in extracurricular activities, or may be excluded from honors for violation of extracurricular standards of

behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct, or for any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the coaching staff or administration.

General

Opportunities For Improvement (OFI)

If a participant receives more than 50 OFI's in one school year, they will be removed from all extracurricular activities for 1 calendar year. If a participant has an unexcused absence from OFI's, additional OFI's will be added to the original number. The participant may be considered ineligible for competition until the OFI's are completed at the discretion of the coach, sponsor, or director.

Category I

A. Felony Charges/Criminal Offenses

- Texas High School Coach's Association: Code of Ethics, Article IX, Management of a Felony Crime
- It will be considered a breach of the Code of Ethics to willingly allow a participant who is charged with and under indictment for a felony crime to participate in an athletic/academic contest. This action should not be considered a presumption of guilt, but rather it affords the accused student the time and opportunity to clear his/her name. The student/athlete may be allowed to remain on his/her team as a suspended member, but should not be allowed to represent his/her school or community in an athletic or academic contest while under this suspension.
- Any student participant that is charged with a serious criminal offense is suspended from athletic/academic contests and before or after school practices until their guilt or innocence is determined.

B. Use/Possession of Drugs/Alcohol/Illegal Substances

Any participating student that is caught breaking training rules

will be subject to the following consequences.

Cumulative Consequences for Category I

Offenses See Drug Policy

- First Offense- Possession of illegal substances on school property or a school trip will result in removal from all extracurricular activities for a full calendar year.
- First Offense- Alcohol MIP- The participant will participate in 10 consecutive days of OFI. The participant and parents or guardian will meet with the coach, administration, and director. The student will be suspended from participation for **5 school days or 1 calendar week.**
- First Offense- Illegal Drugs/Alcohol DUI- The participant will participate in 20 consecutive days of OFI. The participants and parents or guardians will meet with the coach, administrator, and director. The student will also be suspended from participation for **10 school days or 2 calendar weeks.**
- Second Offense- Alcohol MIP- The participant will participate in 20 consecutive days of OFI. The participant and parents or guardians will meet with the coach, administrator, and director. The student will be suspended from participation for **15 school days or 3 calendar weeks.**
- Second Offense- Illegal Drugs/Alcohol DUI- The participant will participate in 30 consecutive days of OFI. The participant and parents or guardians will meet with the director, coach, and administrator. The student will be suspended from participation for **20 school days.**
- Third offense- The participant is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular program for one calendar year. The student will not be allowed to participate in before or after school practices during the suspension.
- Any offense after the third offense shall result in permanent removal from extracurricular programs.

Category II

A. Use/Possession of Tobacco Products (Vaping)

- First offense- Participant is placed on probationary status for the remainder

of the year and eligible to practice.

First offense- The participant will participate in 5 consecutive days of OFI.

- Second offense- Participant is still eligible to practice.

Second offense- The participant will participate in 15 consecutive days of OFI.

- Third offense- The participant is not eligible to practice before or after school.

The participant will participate in 25 consecutive days of OFI.

- Fourth offense- Will result in a Category I consequence.

B. Participation

Participation of any student in extracurricular programs is at the discretion of the coach, sponsor or director. The following guidelines will be followed for every sport or program for every season:

- All students are to be encouraged to participate in as many sports or extracurricular activities as their interests and abilities will allow. Participants must follow the extracurricular code of conduct as described. UIL sports and programs should take precedence over select/club/AAU or any other private sports activity. Bellevue athletes/students are expected to participate in school sponsored sports/activities as a first choice.
- Any athlete quitting a sport after the 10 day grace period established by the extracurricular department will not be allowed to move to another sport until the 30 mile rule is satisfied. (30 miles will be completed within a time period prescribed by the head coach and athletic director.) However, at the discretion of the head coach and athletic director. An athlete may be released from a sport due to extenuating circumstances.

C. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- The athlete/student must refrain from the use of profanity/trash talk or resorting to illegal tactics.
- Temper fits, flagrant violations of rules, etc. will not be tolerated.
- Total respect of officials and coaches is a must.
- Insubordinate behavior towards coaches, sponsors, or directors will not be tolerated.

A student/athlete may be assigned additional disciplinary consequences such as OFI's (Opportunity for Improvement) for any unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Severe or repeated unsportsmanlike conduct may result in suspension, or removal from participation in extracurricular activities, or may be excluded from athletic honors for violation of extracurricular standards of behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct, or for any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the coaching staff or administration.

Athlete/Student Responsibilities

Grades and Attendance

- All extracurricular participants are expected to maintain at least a 70 average in all assigned courses to be eligible for participation in all extracurricular activities.
- Participants may not acquire any more than 3 unexcused absences.
- For extracurricular purposes, 3 tardies will result in an excused absence.

Practice Regulations

- Practices are essential for proper conditioning, improvement of techniques, and teamwork skills. Participants are required to attend scheduled practices.
- Notify the sponsor or coach as soon as possible prior to a practice or contest a participant must miss.
- Obey all practice/training rules set up by the coach.
- Profanity and poor effort will not be tolerated.

- Violation of practice regulations will result in consequences at the discretion of the coach or sponsor.

Travel

- Be on time for all trips.
- Be mannerly in restaurants and public places.
- Abide by all rules while traveling on a bus/van/etc.
- All students making the trip on the bus will return on the bus unless in an emergency type situation or there is a good reason for returning with the parents. If a student plans to return with the parents, it must be cleared with the head coach prior to the trip.
- Circumstances may arise that may require participants to have alternative transportation. A written note will be required before a participant will be allowed to travel in this situation.

Dress and Appearance

- The appearance of an athlete/participant should be in accordance with the Bellevue ISD student handbook.
- The personal appearance of an extracurricular participant away from performance events should reflect the same class and pride that you show while performing in Bellevue extracurricular programs.
- No earrings, studs, spacers, or gauges for boys.
- Boys' hair must be cut shorter than collar length and out of the eyes.
- No fingernail polish on boys.
- Girls fingernails must be cut into a sports length and be well manicured.
- Two ear piercings for girls.
- Girls' hair must be styled or secured out of the face.

Social Media and Technology

- Use good judgment. Think before you post: If you wouldn't want your parents, coaches, or grandparents to see it, then it's not something you need to post. Golden Rule -treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Defaming or degrading remarks by any extracurricular participant

towards Bellevue ISD, or its extracurricular programs will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or remarks made in public.

- Remember the internet is permanent. No offensive or inappropriate pictures or comments are to be posted. Anything you place on the internet is the property of the site. You no longer have control once you post.
- Parents, sponsors, administrators, and law enforcement may monitor web sites and you could face disciplinary action if you are in violation of the extracurricular code of conduct, school policies, or laws. In addition, potential employers typically search sites as a way of screening applicants.
- Ultimately, as an extracurricular participant, you are a representative of Bellevue ISD at all times and are in the public eye more than other students. Keep that in mind as you participate in social networking sites.

First Offense- the student will participate in 5 consecutive days of OFI. The student must meet with the coach or sponsor.

Second Offense- the student will participate in 15 consecutive days of OFI. The student and parents or guardians will meet with the coach, administrator, and sponsor.

Any further occurrence may result in dismissal from the program.

School Equipment

- Participants are responsible for the proper care of all equipment they are issued for their respective sports.
- School equipment must not be abused nor worn for personal use (equipment is not to be taken without permission from the event sponsor.)
- Replacement of any equipment damaged by improper care, lost, or stolen is the financial responsibility of the student. (Due to custom apparel costs, replacement values can be up to twice as much as its

original cost.)

Awards Program

- Extracurricular participants must be in good standing to receive any awards.

Expectations

Participant Expectations of Coaches and Sponsors- *Each participant can expect his or her sponsor to:*

- Run a well-organized and productive program.
- Develop a positive environment that encourages achievement.
- Hold each participant and team accountable for their actions through proper supervision.
- Lead by example through actions and words.
- Correct mistakes in a positive manner that encourages development.
- Support other athletes, coaches, and programs with sincere enthusiasm and loyalty to the school.

Coaches' Expectations of parents

- Communicate any concern directly to the coach.
- Notification of any scheduled conflicts in advance.
- Notification of any injury or illness promptly.

Topics left to the coaches' discretion

- Playing time.
- Play calling
- Train strategy.

Parent - Sponsor Meeting Procedure.

1. Our coaches and sponsors may be contacted either at home or the school.
2. Request a meeting at the school to discuss concern.

3. If the coach or sponsor is unavailable, contact the principal.
4. Do not confront a coach when children are present. (i.e....right before or right after a game, event, or practice.) Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions.
5. If not satisfied with that meeting, contact the Campus Principal. If no resolve has been made after these three meetings, you may contact the Superintendent's Office.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

--Can a student practice or participate in a contest the same day that he/she serves ISS or DAEP?

Answer: Yes and No. A student may practice. But they may not participate in a contest the same day he/she served ISS unless it is the last day to serve. A student may not be excused from ISS to travel with the team to the event, however. A student in DAEP is not allowed to practice nor participate with an athletic team.

- Do academically ineligible students continue to practice?

Answer: Yes. According to UIL, even though an athlete is ineligible for athletic contests, he/she will continue to regularly attend practices.

- Do injured athletes attend practices or travel with teams to contests?

Answer: Yes. Injured athletes do attend practices for rehabilitation, cognitive skills, and team unity.

- When a student fails a course at the end of a grading period, is that course the only subject the student must pass to regain eligibility in three weeks?

Answer: No, the student must be passing all courses at the end of the three-school week evaluation period in order to regain eligibility.

- Can a student go home with their parents after an out of town athletic contest?

Answer: It is permissible if it is an emergency situation or necessary for travel purposes. It must be cleared by the coach prior to the contest. It is not permissible for the student to travel with another student or another student's parents without proper communication between the guardians and the coach. We prefer all athletes to ride to and from games with their teammates and coaches.

- When a student is suspended, can they stand on the sideline in a uniform?

Answer: If a student is suspended from school, they are ineligible to stand on the sideline in a uniform.



Bellevue Independent School District

Extracurricular Policy

2025-2026

I have received a copy of the Bellevue ISD Extracurricular Policy. I have read and fully understand the requirements.

Extracurricular Participant's Signature

Date _____

Parent Signature *Please keep this on file for future reference.*

Date _____