

**Middle and High School Extracurricular Participation
Code of Conduct Contract**

Print student name _____

Participation in school athletic and extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a property right. All students, parents, coaches, and sponsors understand that the top priority is academic achievement. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to establish high expectations regarding behavior and minimum/consistent consequences when violations occur. However, coaches/sponsors may establish consequences that are more stringent than the stated code. Team/organization rules must be in writing and approved by the administration of each school.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

A VIOLATION **Students assigned to long-term suspension or expelled from school.**
CONSEQUENCES *Ineligible to attend or participate in any athletic or extracurricular activity during the period of suspension*

B VIOLATION **Arrest for felony (regardless of location or time of the alleged act, in or out of school).**
CONSEQUENCES *Immediately suspended from all participation pending investigation by school officials.*

For violations C, D, and E, a school administrator must have evidence and/or verification of the violation as defined in at least one of the following:

1. Self-admitted involvement by the student.
2. Witnessed student involvement by the sponsor, coach, or any staff member.
3. Parent admission of their student’s involvement in tobacco, drugs, or alcohol.
4. Verification by official police report given to the school.
5. Evidence of violations through investigation by school officials.

If this offense occurs at school or on school property at any time; off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function, or event; or en route to and from school, the student will be subject to the actions of the Rockdale County Public Schools Student Code of Conduct.

C VIOLATION **Alcohol/Drugs**
CONSEQUENCES *Coach/sponsor will meet with the student and parents.
1st Offense – Suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for 20% of the total season.
2nd Offense – one (1) calendar year suspension from all athletic/extracurricular activities*

D VIOLATION **Tobacco (any type) while representing the school, transitioning to/from**
CONSEQUENCES *1st Offense – minimum of one (1) game/activity suspension
2nd Offense – suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for 20% of the total season
3rd Offense – dismissed from the team/activity but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic/extracurricular activities after that sport/activity has completed its season
4th Offense – one (1) calendar year suspension from all athletic/extracurricular activities*

E VIOLATION **Violations of school rules that result in out-of-school suspension (i.e., hazing*; in one calendar year).**
CONSEQUENCES *1st Offense – minimum of one (1) game/activity suspension
2nd Offense – suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for 20% of the total season
3rd Offense – dismissed from team/activity but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic/extracurricular activities after that sport/activity has completed its season*

- A student suspended will not participate in any extracurricular activity/games while suspended from school. (This includes Saturday activities/games if the suspension includes a Friday and a Monday.) At the coaches’ discretion, the student may participate in practices.
- If less than 20% of a season remains, the suspension carries over to the next season of the same sport.
- All suspensions will be effective immediately following the offense.
- Violations of school rules that result in in-school suspension will be up to the discretion of the coaches and principal.

** Georgia Hazing Law 16-5-61 states: “Hazing means to subject a student to an activity which endangers or is likely to endanger the physical health of a student regardless of the student’s willingness to participate in such activity. By initialing this section, I understand that acts of hazing, including mental, verbal, and physical, are prohibited; and that it is my duty to report any acts of hazing that I see to a coach or administrator. I understand that if I am discovered to be in violation of this hazing statement, I will be subject to the disciplinary actions listed above.*

STUDENT INITIALS _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Parents/Guardian: Please sign and return one copy to the school and retain one copy for your records.

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____