

# RESPECT, DIGNITY, HONESTY, RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAMWORK

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### DISTRICT CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PHILOSOPHY

Education in the Boise School District has multiple responsibilities. The challenge is to meet as effectively as possible the needs and interests of all its pupils. The extracurricular and co-curricular programs are designed to enrich the educational experience and have the potential of contributing to the total development of each student in several ways.

- A. Participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities provides experiences through which pupils learn social values. Co-curricular and extracurricular assemblies serve to teach students to act favorably in large groups. Knowledge of the activity, interpretation of rules, courtesy, school morale, respect for property, and many other values are stressed as desirable social outcomes.
- B. Co-curricular and extracurricular activities are conducted and regulated as other enterprises in society. These activities operate within a set of rules. Co-curricular and extracurricular activities offer the opportunity for parents, students, and other citizens of the community to mingle together with a common bond.
- C. Co-curricular and extracurricular competitions provide situations requiring skilled performance, respect for opponents, and acceptance of results determined by officials, according to rules. Experiences related to planning, organizing, adjusting and completion of tasks occur continually and are immediate in effect.

The co-curricular and extracurricular philosophy of the Boise School District is two-fold. First, to offer a program in which interested co-curricular and extracurricular student participants can try-out and work toward improving their skills and secondly, to provide a setting which encourages team members to use their skills in competition with others. The number of participants will be determined by skill level, availability of facilities, and qualified coaches.

Further, the purpose of co-curricular and extracurricular activities in the Boise School District is to help each participant:

- develop their potential to the maximum.
- build strong character traits including a respect for the rights of others.
- develop the understanding, skills, habits, and attitudes necessary for full enjoyment and appreciation of life.
- use of critical thinking and good judgment in teaching decisions.
- be open-minded and want to continue to learn.
- act upon an understanding of and loyalty toward our American democratic ideals.
- form good work habits and pride in careful workmanship.
- understand and follow good health and safety practices.
- expand and assist in the development of a philosophy of life.
- develop a sense of values.
- gain an appreciation of cultural and social diversity.

Students in co-curricular and extracurricular activities must adhere and abide by all Boise School District policies. The following list of policies includes, but is not limited to cover co-curricular and extracurricular activities. For more information please refer to *The Independent School District of Boise City Policy Manual CD* located in all District buildings and at [www.boiseschools.org/trustees](http://www.boiseschools.org/trustees).

- District Mission, Vision, Values, Goals and Beliefs #1710
- Open Enrollment #3113
- Bullying, Hazing and Harassment #3231
- Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use # 3233
  - Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Procedure #3233BP
- Abuse of District Property #3238
- Detection Dog Use #3261
- Corporal Punishment #3270
- Major Disciplinary Violations #3272
- Idaho High School Activities Association #3571
- Ninth Grade Participation in High School Interscholastic Activities #3574
  - Ninth Grade Participation in High School Interscholastic Activities Procedure #3574BP
- Non-Sanctioned Sports #3577
- Suspension from Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities #3580
- Use of Private Automobiles for Trips #4222

I have read, understand and will abide by all District policies and procedures, including, but not limited to those listed above. **Signing the Release and Participation form is mandatory prior to participation in co-curricular or extracurricular activities.**

### *Suspension from Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities*

Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. As representatives of their school and District, students participating in such activities are expected to meet high standards of behavior. The Board believes that the safety and welfare of other students may be adversely affected when students who are involved in school activities commit major infractions or repeated minor infractions at school or during school activities, and/or are involved in drug use, hazing or other criminal conduct in any location. (BP 3850)

### *Activity Suspension for Drug Use or Other Criminal Conduct, in Any Location, During the Scholastic Year*

A student may be suspended from extracurricular and co-curricular activities when it reasonably appears to the principal or designee that he/she has been involved with drug use, hazing or other criminal conduct **in any location, either on or off campus, during the scholastic year.** (BP 3580)

#### **Consequences:**

1. Students may be barred from any form of extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of time up to and including the remainder of their attendance in the District.
2. All students will be reported to the Superintendent or designee and, if applicable, **to the appropriate law enforcement agency.**
3. The parent/guardian may request an appeal as outlined in the "Appeal Process", Section VI of this policy and procedure #3580BP if the activity suspension exceeds nine (9) calendar days.
4. Extracurricular and co-curricular activity – students involved with hazing (BP 3231), drug use (BP 3233), and/or criminal activity (BP 3580) are subject to consequences.

#### **Infractions Which Occur on Out-of-School Trips**

During an out-of-school trip, if the authorized person in charge of the activity determines that a student should be sent home early because of criminal conduct, drug use or a major infraction, the Superintendent's designee will notify the parent/guardian, and ask him/her to take charge of the return of the student. The parent/guardian will assume any expenses incurred for the return of the student. (BP 3580)

### *School Related and Non-School Related Bullying, Hazing, and Harassment; Drug Use and Criminal Activity by Students In Extracurricular Or Co-Curricular Activities (BP 3231, 3580 & 3233)*

#### **A. Knowingly Present**

1. First Offense: The school resource officer (SRO), principal, or designee:
  - a. will hold a conference with the student;
  - b. will notify the student's parent/guardian of the policy violation;
  - c. may arrange a conference with the parent/guardian and the student; and
  - d. will inform the student and parent/guardian of consequences for future violations of the policy.

#### **B. Securing, Using, Possessing**

##### 1. First Offense

- a. The principal or designee may require twenty-one (21) calendar days of activity suspension.
- b. If the student completes a drug assessment, the suspension may be reduced to fourteen (14) calendar days of activity suspension.
- c. If the student completes a District approved drug education class, the suspension may be reduced to ten (10) calendar days of activity suspension.
- d. If the student and a parent/concerned adult completes a District approved drug education class, the suspension may be reduced to seven (7) calendar days of activity suspension.

##### 2. Second Offense: The principal or designee may choose one or any combination of the following:

- a. recommend and require an activity suspension for the balance of the scholastic year;
- b. require twenty-one (21) calendar days of activity suspension; or
- c. require compliance with a drug behavior contract.

##### 3. Third and Subsequent Offenses: The student is subject to the consequences outlined by the principal or designee. This may include:

- a.. Recommend expulsion; or
- b. Recommend extended suspension and require an activity suspension up to the remainder of the student's attendance in the District.
- c.. Require compliance with a drug behavior contract.