

TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULATION 5131.6

STUDENTS

Elementary and Secondary

Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Participation

Each high school takes a vital interest in co-curricular and extra-curricular participation in athletics, student council, band, orchestra, cheerleading, drama, dance team, choral groups, and clubs by promoting fair discipline as well as responsible standards for behavior, dress, and grooming. It is recognized that these regulations are necessary to maintain team/club/group morale, individual discipline and effective learning. Participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked by the principal/designee whenever a student violates this regulation.

This Administrative Regulation is the expression of the minimum standard for the code of conduct of participants in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. As such, an individual school site, activity, or program is not prohibited from establishing a higher standard of conduct as long as the participant in the activity is aware of, and consented to, that higher standard as a requirement for participation.

Tustin Unified School District co-curricular and extra-curricular student participants must be good citizens. As defined in this Administrative Regulation, “participant” means a student who has either enrolled or attended at least one meeting of a student club or activity.

Citizenship

1. Student participation in activities requires good citizenship. Any student who verbally or through gestures, communicates profanity to an opponent, official, or fans will be evaluated for disciplinary action
2. Infractions involving hazing or other serious violations of the Education Code can carry a penalty of suspension from the activity and restricted participation in school activities. The principal/designee(s) will review the infractions. The response to the incident may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. First Offense—Suspension for 1 to 10 days of participation
 - b. Second Offense—Suspension from 1 to 15 days of participation
 - c. Third Offense—Suspension from the activity for up to one year
3. Infractions of a less serious nature may result in a student being suspended from an activity directly by the coach/teacher/advisor. If a coach/teacher/advisor suspends a participant for more than one day, the coach/teacher/advisor must contact the principal/athletic director/activities director/designee as well as the student’s parents.

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4. Discipline problems arising within the domain of the activity and/or contest are to be handled at the coach's/teacher's/advisor's discretion. Parents/guardians/caregivers will be informed at the earliest time possible.

Alcohol/Narcotics

Any student in the Tustin Unified School District who possesses, uses, transports, or is under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant of any kind, or who possesses or sells any drug paraphernalia shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the school and activity.

Any student who sells or provides a controlled substance or intoxicant of any kind shall immediately be suspended and shall be recommended for expulsion.

The above provisions apply to related school activities, or attendance at such activities, which occur at any time, including, but not limited to any of the following:

- While on school grounds
- While going to or coming home from school
- During lunch period on or off campus
- During or while going to or coming from a school sponsored activity

Any student who violates the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy shall be ineligible to represent their school in competition or performances (in athletics, activities, or performing arts) for ten consecutive calendar weeks from the date of the infraction, excluding summer break (recess).

The ramifications for violation of this code of conduct policy do not preclude the ability of the school site or District to impose discipline, including involuntary transfer, suspension, or expulsion.

Participant Dismissal and Abandonment

1. A participant dismissed from any team will be removed from the appropriate co-curricular/extra-curricular class.
2. Abandonment of any activity precludes the participant from participating in another activity for the period of time the abandoned activity is in season. A participant "abandons" an activity when the participant departs without the knowledge or permission of the coach/teacher/advisor.

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Scholastic Eligibility (6-12)

1. District Policy 6145
 - a. In order to be eligible for co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, a student shall maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) during the preceding grading period.
 - b. A student who does not maintain a 2.0 GPA shall be placed on probation for the following grading period, the student shall continue to be eligible, providing he/she maintains a satisfactory attendance (three hours a week) in a designated tutorial class.
 - c. If the student does not maintain satisfactory attendance in the tutorial class, he/she will be declared ineligible. If at the end of the probationary grading period the student has not achieved a 2.0 GPA, he/she shall be ineligible for the following grading period.
 - d. Two or more "U's" in citizenship from two or more separate teachers will result in a student being ineligible for co-curricular or extra-curricular activities for the remainder of that grading period.

Equipment and Financial Obligations

1. Each participant is responsible for the use and care of the equipment issued to him/her.
2. Any participant who does not return or pay for all school equipment issued to him/her immediately at the close of each sport season or activity will not be issued any further equipment and will not be allowed to report to another activity until the debt is cleared.
3. Each student participant is responsible for the Transportation Fee at the beginning of each season of activity.

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Security Procedures for Personal Property

1. It is highly recommended that the utmost care be taken in securing student equipment and personal articles. **The school does not assume responsibility for the loss of items.**

General Athletic Information

1. Participants must be in attendance for at least four periods the day of the contest. Unexcused absences may result in a one-day suspension from participation in the activity. Failure to attend four classes will subject the student to a one-contest suspension on that day. There is an expectation that participants will not have any unexcused absences from school on the day of the event or activity.
2. Contest:
 - a. The appointed coach will be in charge of the team before, during, and after the athletic contest.
 - b. Game time and location shall be arranged so that participants miss a minimum amount of their class work. It is the responsibility of each participant to make up all missed assignments.
3. Overflow Class:
 - a. After the season is complete, participants may be placed in the Overflow Class ("0" period) or a regular physical education class to fulfill the physical education requirement.
4. Transportation:
 - a. The usual means of transportation to athletic contests is by school bus. Occasionally other means of transportation will be authorized, but only when specifically approved in advance.
 - b. All participants must travel to contests by school bus or other authorized transportation. Participants arriving at contests by other means will be denied the privilege of participation.

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- c. All students participating in field trips or competitive events shall return with the group unless released by the coach, using a verified signature log, to the student's parents/guardians/caregivers. (See TUSD Regulation 6174.)

California Interscholastic Federation—Southern Section (“CIF”) – Code of Ethics

The CIF Southern Section publishes a “Code of Ethics for Athletes” and each year that is part of its constitution and bylaws (Blue Book). The current CIF Code of Ethics for Athletes is incorporated by reference into this Administrative Regulation.

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