

Goodrich Independent School District

Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards 2022-2023



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Goodrich ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards

I have read the Goodrich ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards and understand the responsibilities and privileges of being a member. I agree that I will, at all times, abide by these rules as long as I am a member of the Goodrich ISD organization. I promise to uphold the high standards of myself in a way that will always be a credit to Goodrich ISD.

I will cooperate fully with the coach/sponsor and all persons and organizations concerned to promote spirit and good sportsmanlike conduct. I also realize that failure to comply with these rules can mean my dismissal from the organization.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

_____ has signified his/her desire to become a member of a Goodrich ISD organization. If he/she is chosen there are certain responsibilities and obligations which they must assume in order to remain a member of the organization.

I have read the Goodrich ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards. I will, insofar as I am able, assist to see that these rules and regulations are carried out. I will also encourage my son/daughter to be a leader that the school will be proud to have as a representative. I will, whenever questions arise, contact the coach/sponsor for clarification of that matter. If my son/daughter is chosen, I will see that they attend all practice sessions.

I understand that failure to follow the rules and regulations of the Goodrich ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards will mean dismissal or suspension from the organization.

Parent/Guardian permission for Coaches to use corporal punishment is mandatory for any student to participate in athletics.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

Sponsor/Coach Signature _____

Date _____

Please circle the organization your child is planning to become a member of.

Athletics

National Honor Society

UIL Academics

FFA

Texas Association of Future Educators

Art Club

International Club

Science/Robotics Club

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FAQ's

1. What does the term extracurricular/co-curricular activity mean?

The term “extracurricular/co-curricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of Goodrich ISD. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved in the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All extracurricular/co-curricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of GISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards.

2. Why do we have extracurricular/co-curricular activities, and why is it important to participate?

Extracurricular/co-curricular activities are among our customer/stakeholder requirements. Our school sponsored extracurricular/co-curricular activities and organizations are meant to serve as avenues for leadership development or practice in using skills, attitudes, and knowledge that will help students prepare for post-secondary experience. Participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities and extracurricular/co-curricular organizations, including interscholastic athletics, is a privilege, not a right. Since extracurricular/co-curricular/activities are optional, those who choose to participate will be held to higher standards of behavior and performance in and out of school. In addition to obeying rules set forth in the GISD Student Code of Conduct, all students in grades 6 through 12 participating in GISD extracurricular/co-curricular activities will be required to comply with the following guidelines and disciplinary regulations. The establishment of a uniform extracurricular/co-curricular handbook reflects the District's concern for the safety, well-being, and conduct of its students participating in all extracurricular activities/organizations and athletics. Be advised that GISD policies and procedures can change at any time. In the event of a conflict between a GISD policy and these procedures, the Policy will prevail.

3. What about “no pass, no play”?

The “no pass, no play” rules came into effect in 1984. These rules are part of the Texas Education Code and Texas Administrative Code and apply to all activities in the school, including extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Although the rules have been modified since then, the effort is to emphasize excellence in academics first, then excellence in other aspects of the educational experience for a student.

4. What is an extracurricular/co-curricular activity?

An extracurricular/co-curricular activity¹ is an activity sponsored by the UIL, an organization sanctioned by Board resolution, or an activity approved by the Principal. The activity is not necessarily directly related to instruction of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills but may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum. Extracurricular/co-curricular activities include, but are not limited to: public performances², contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities. In addition, an extracurricular/co-curricular activity is subject to this regulation if any one of the following criteria applies:

1. The activity is competitive
2. The activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered extracurricular/co-curricular
3. The activity is held on campus, except in a case in which adequate facilities do not exist on campus
4. The general public is invited
5. An admission is charged.

¹ See GISD Board Policy FM(LEGAL)

² Notice: A student ineligible to participate in an extracurricular/co-curricular activity, but who is enrolled in a state approved course that requires demonstration of the mastery of the essential knowledge and skills in a public performance, may participate in the performance only if the general public is invited to the performance and the requirement for student participation in public is stated in the essential knowledge and skills of the course.

5. What is the role and responsibility of the GISD extracurricular/co-curricular staff?

“Teacher,” as used in this FAQ, includes coaches, activity/organization sponsors, directors, and other District staff who are responsible for overseeing an extracurricular/co-curricular activity/organization. These individuals must be District employees. In general, the role and responsibilities of the teachers can be organized in two components:

Program Management

- Maintain all financial accounts and files in the principal's office in accordance with Board Policy CFD
- Develop an annual budget detailing revenue and expenditures
- Obtain prior approval from the principal before scheduling activities or placing an activity on the school calendar
- Place on file with the principal a report (bylaws) describing the membership and officer requirements of the organization
- Provide and regularly update a list of students participating in the activity/organization to the campus principal
- Make semester schedules for performances, games, practices, competitions, activities, etc.
- Give announcements to administration
- Communicate with the campus principal and other appropriate staff regarding the scheduling of activities
- Select any uniforms, other apparel for activities and/or practices, and communicate this information to students and parents
- Ensure that equipment is maintained as directed
- Organize and supervise fundraising activities in cooperation with appropriate district officials and properly account for such funds in a timely manner
- Ensure compliance with state and federal laws including, but not limited to, copyright laws and federal student confidentiality laws.

Relationship Management

- Inform all students and parents of relevant guidelines, schedules, upcoming events, etc.
- Enforce disciplinary guidelines set forth in GISD Student Code of Conduct and this Extracurricular/Co-curricular Handbook, as well as any rules specific to the activity or organization
- Monitor students' compliance with grade and attendance rules
- Develop by-laws, guidelines, or a constitution for approval by the principal
- Prepare and communicate selection procedures to students well in advance of the selection process
- Keep accurate records of activities, including selection process documentation
- Attempt to avoid scheduling conflicts with other extracurricular/co-curricular activities
- Exhibit good judgment and sensitivity to community and district standards of propriety when planning activities and/or selecting performance material
- Supervise practices and performances
- Monitor all practices and activities to ensure compliance with all District policies, regulations, and procedures as well as any relevant UIL regulations.

³When feasible, teachers should consult with the principal prior to taking such action, and any such action is always subject to review in accordance with the three-step process provided in GISD Board Policy FNG(LOCAL).

6. What is the role and responsibility of the student?

As representatives of GISD, students in grades 6 through 12 who participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities are expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior and dedication whether at school or away. Students are responsible for their attitude, skill development, and improving their personal knowledge of the activity.

7. What are the higher standards?

In addition to obeying rules set forth in the GISD Student Code of Conduct, the particular extracurricular/co-curricular activity's constitution, handbook, rule book, and/or regulations, if any, or rules otherwise communicated to the student by activity's coach or teacher, a student in grades 6 through 12 participating in any GISD extracurricular/co-curricular activity shall comply with the expectations of conduct during school time and during personal time (all the time).

General Expectations

- Obtain a quality education as the primary reason for attending school
- Be present and give your attention to the activity
- Show respect
- Develop and show school pride
- Compete intensely coupled with good sportsmanship and courteous behavior
- Maintain a positive attitude and positive leadership
- Commit to personal continuous improvement and demonstrate teamwork which improves the ability and capacity of the team to accomplish the goals
- Do no harm to yourself – such as the use of tobacco or health supplements

Before a student is suspended or removed from participation in an extracurricular/co-curricular activity, and before any other consequence is imposed as provided in this handbook, the alleged infraction will be documented, and a reasonable investigation of the allegation shall occur. Significant weight will be given to the testimony of a school employee witness to the infraction. The principal or designee shall then schedule a conference with the student and the student's parent to explain the reasons for which the action is being taken and to offer the student an opportunity to discuss the matter. The outcome or decision from the conference may be appealed through the procedures set forth in GISD Board Policy FNG(LOCAL).

Consequences

- Parent and student conference
- Suspension/removal (loss of the privilege to participate in the extracurricular/co-curricular activity)
- Extra physical activity requirements
- Behavioral improvement plan or probation
- Corporal punishment – special district and campus rules apply

8. What are more serious misbehaviors from which GISD students who participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities are prohibited from at all times?

- Possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products
- Possessing or using drug paraphernalia
- Possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind
- Possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug
- Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals
- Engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the Goodrich ISD Student Code of Conduct

- Attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises)
- Riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol
- Stealing
- Conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property
- Using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures
- Fighting
- Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers
- Inappropriate touching including "public displays of affection" in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public
- Inappropriate behavior in public places
- Sexting or inappropriate internet/electronic communications.

9. What about dress and grooming standards?

Students who participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities shall comply with the District's policy on student dress and grooming as well as the teacher's specific requirements for the activity.

10. What are the expectations regarding attendance?

Students engaged in extracurricular/co-curricular activities are expected to participate in all practices, performances, competitions, and other events identified by the teacher. Teachers will identify times for required practices, performances, competitions, etc. Under current rules, academically ineligible students may practice or rehearse with other students but may not participate in a competition or other public performance. A student ineligible to participate in an extracurricular/co-curricular activity/organization, but who is enrolled in a state-approved course that requires demonstration of the mastery of the essential knowledge and skills in a public performance, may participate in the performance only if the general public is invited to the performance and the requirement for student participation in public is stated in the essential knowledge and skills of the course.

Students who fail to appear for a scheduled event without a written excuse from the student's parent will be prohibited from participating in the next scheduled activity. Students' absences from extracurricular/co-curricular activities shall be excused only for those reasons set forth in the student handbook and in the Board Policy. Excessive unexcused absences may result in suspension or dismissal from the activity/organization. Such decisions shall be made in consultation with the campus principal and are subject to appeal through GISD Board Policy FNG(LOCAL).

*Absences incurred due to the student's participation in board-approved extracurricular activities will be considered by the attendance committee as extenuating circumstances if the student makes up the work missed in each class.

Students with injuries will be allowed to attend any practice, performance, or other event relating to the activity/organization and allowed to participate only to the extent authorized by written order of the student's physician.

Students will be excused from participation in any practice or activity if they are observing holy days, including days of travel to or from a site where the student will observe holy days. Excused days for travel shall be limited to not more than one day for travel to the site and one day for travel from the site where the student will observe the religious holy days. Students are responsible for notifying the teacher of any need to be absent for religious reasons prior to the absence.

Students should make every effort to schedule health care appointments at times that will not interfere with school or activity participation. If a conflict is unavoidable, the student shall inform the teacher prior to the appointment and provide written documentation upon return to school.

11. What are the expectations related to grades?

A student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular/co-curricular activity/organization sponsored or sanctioned by the District or the UIL, after a grade evaluation period in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class or 65 on a scale of 100 for an identified honors or advanced class. A suspension continues for at least three school weeks and is not removed during the school year until the conditions for removing the suspension, as described below, are met, see Board Policy FM(LEGAL). Until the suspension is removed or the school year ends, the District shall review the grades of a student who has been suspended under these provisions at the end of each three-week period following the suspension.

It is the policy of the Goodrich Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. No provision of an extracurricular behavioral standard shall have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex, race, disability, religion, or ethnicity.

Goodrich Independent School District Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Standards

As a member of a Goodrich ISD organization you will be expected to fulfill certain obligations and responsibilities. You will find these listed below. You are expected to direct the student body in the support of your school's organization and to develop loyalty to the school and organization regardless of the outcome of the event. This role makes you a strong influence in guiding students' conduct at events. You should maintain the proper dignity in this leadership role. You are in a strategic position to be of real service to the community. The results of your efforts will be determined by how well you perform and treat your opponents at and away from school.

Adherence to the following rules and regulations will be expected from all members.

General Standards for All Members

- There will be no arguing between organization members, which includes during games or events, practices, or off school property.
- Each student leader should be aware of responsibilities required and the commitment he/she is making to Goodrich ISD and the student body. This is a position of leadership and representation that must not be taken lightly.
- All student representative leaders should be willing to cooperate with and be helpful to their sponsors/captains/coaches at all times. They are assigned for a purpose and their actions should reflect the organizations'/school's best interest.
- Each student must realize that the manner in which they conduct themselves while representing the school directly reflects in the entire school itself.
- Head and co-captain of the organization/team will be determined by the coach/sponsor.
- Bad behavior/unsportsmanship will not be shown towards other students from other schools or other GISD students. All students must participate as a TEAM, not as an individual.
- Whether at home or away, Goodrich student representatives must display proper conduct before, during and after all events. Each young lady or young man is expected to maintain good moral behavior, show cordial courtesy to visiting school districts spectators and to each other.
- Determination, honesty, dependability, and the ability to get along with others is a must for student participation in GISD extra/co-curricular activities.
- No smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of drugs or any other behavior which would reflect poorly on the rest of the team or student body will be allowed, this will warrant immediate dismissal from the team.
- Obscene language or gestures will not be tolerated. A reprimand will result from a first-time infraction. Should there be a second complaint of this nature, it will mean dismissal from the team. Student representatives are required to uphold the highest personal, as well as participation standards.
- Every student will be required to attend every home game or event unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- Participant must be at the activity 45 minutes before the event.
- All organization representatives must be in school attendance for a minimum of ½ day in order to participate or play, regardless of whether absence is excused or unexcused.

Extenuating Excused Absences

Documented medical excuse

Death in family

All others must be approved by the coaches/sponsors

- If you are given an unexcused absence from the event, you will be suspended from the following event. You must still attend all practices. A second unexcused absence will be reason for dismissal.
- You must notify your coach/sponsor if you must miss a game or event. (This does not mean send the message by another student.) Failure to appear without notification could lead to dismissal.
- The same rules apply to away games/events concerning absences.
- All participating student representatives will be required to attend off-campus or out-of-town events unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- The time to report to school for events/games will be announced at the previous practice or meeting.
- Students must obey all team/organization and school rules. Students must obey all coaches and teachers.
- No loud talking or laughing on the bus.
- There will be no electronic games/devices (except playing cards) on the bus. If you feel you need to do something, bring homework or meditate quietly.
- All students of the team/organization must agree to ride with the rest of the team/organization when transportation is provided to away activities by the school.
- No team/organization member will be allowed to ride home with their family unless verbal or written request is received from parent to coach/sponsor.
- All students must stay in their seats at all times until the bus is stationary.
- Parent(s) are to provide transportation to and from the school on game/event nights, as well as to and from practices.
- All scheduled practice sessions are required for all student participants.
- Organization representatives are expected to respect the leadership of the captain/president.
- All students are expected to always be on time to all practices.
- Participants must bring all needed materials to all practices.
- All students should stress safety at each practice, game, or event.
- Determination, honesty, dependability, and the ability to get along with others is a must for student participation in GISD co-curricular activity.
- Absolutely no smoking, drinking, or gambling. (The penalty is immediate dismissal from the team/organization).

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Paddling
3. Suspension
4. Dismissal

I. Qualifications

A. Grades

1. All organization representatives will be governed by eligibility rules involving grades. A 70 average must be maintained in all classes taken. Nothing below a 70 in any subject will be allowed.
2. Grades should be taken to your sponsors/coach(es) the day they are issued.
3. In UIL: Athletics, and Academics, once a student has been declared ineligible because of grades, he/she may not be reinstated until the next grading period.
4. Students can not receive an N or U on conduct.

B. Physical Appearance

1. Students must realize that a position on the team/organization will require them to make an effort in representing Goodrich ISD the best way they can. This includes grooming and care of uniforms.
2. No beards, goatees or sideburns are permitted.
3. Mustaches are not permitted.
4. No braids allowed on boys.
5. No tattoos or body piercing.
6. No bandanas, caps, or hats are allowed.
7. Shoes must be clean.

Specific Standards for FFA

A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school community and family.

As an FFA member, I pledge to:

- Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
- Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
- Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Respect the rights of others and their property.
- Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
- Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
- Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program.

- Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
- Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Specific Standards for Athletics

- There will be no wandering around the court during games and practices.
- Post Season Games-Athletes must be aware that they are expected to practice during the holiday breaks. Dates and times will be given out as coaches are in receipt of them.
- All athletes should be prepared to attend any practice if the need arises.
- Athletes are expected to always be on time to all practices, in shorts or sweats and sneakers, and ready to begin warm-ups.
- Only athletes are to attend practice unless prior approval has been given by the Athletic Director.
- All athletes have a responsibility to keep their concentration focused on the game in progress. Athletes are not to talk to spectators.
- No braids are allowed on boys.
- No afros are permitted.
- No ponytails on boys.
- All shirts and blouses should always be tucked inside the pants, skirts, or shorts.
- A belt must be worn with all pants, shorts, or skirts that have belt loops.
- Uniforms must be kept neat and clean. This includes socks, tops, and briefs.
- Young ladies' long hair should be tied back, so as not to fly in face while playing or practicing.
- Jewelry is not permitted. Absolutely no chains, necklaces, or watches; if worn to a game or practice, you will be required to remove them before you play.
- Students are responsible for all parts of their uniforms. Lost or damaged uniforms are the responsibility of the student owner.
- Shorts or sweats and sneakers are to be worn and ready to begin warm-up for UIL Athletics.
- UIL athletes must be respectful of the opposing team and of the game officials.
- Athletes must change from their uniform in a reasonable time after any game.

II. Rules and Regulations

A. Rules & Penalties

1. One unauthorized absence from practice: you don't play the next event/game and you must do makeup work.
2. Two unauthorized absences: you are dropped from the team/event.
3. All students must follow all team and school district code of conduct rules.
4. All students must obey all coaches/teachers/sponsors.

B. Uniforms

Official dress of each organization must meet national/district standards. (FFA Appendix I)

Official dress must be worn only by the student organization representative.

All student representatives must adhere to the official dress standards from the coach/sponsor.

III. Specific Rules

A. Insurance

Each school year, Goodrich ISD purchases an "All School Blanket" insurance policy for student/athletic accidents. This policy covers all school-sponsored activities. Primary insurance is the insured's family and/or group insurance coverage.

The district's policy is supplemental to all other valid insurance coverage. Parents are responsible for any charges not paid by the insurance.

B. Work Outside of School

Most students cannot be enrolled in a full day of school, hold down a full or part-time job, be actively engaged in extracurricular/co-curricular organizations, establish good grades, and maintain adequate health. Work will not be an excusable reason for missing practices or games or for leaving early from practices or games. If you are employed, it will be necessary that your employer be willing to allow you to miss work often for afternoon practices and afternoon and evening events.

C. Other

Quitting one sport without coaches' prior consent will cause the student to be on probation from all sports for the current year.

D. Letter Jackets High School Only

Letter jackets are given to an athlete and other eligible student participants at the end of their junior or senior year. To earn a letter jacket, the student must be recommended by the coach/sponsor of the sport/event in which that student participates. The male athlete must participate in at least two sports for three years in two of the following: basketball, cross country, tennis or track. Female athletes must participate for three years in two of the following: basketball, track, cross country, tennis or volleyball. The athlete must also complete the year in the sport in which he/she is involved to be eligible for the letter jacket, and UIL Academic students must participate for three years and advance to Regional one year. In cases affected by the "no-pass no-play" rule, the coach/sponsor must render a decision to award or not award the jacket based upon the student's past participation and attitude during the time he/she was engaged in the program as well as the amount of participation during the year they are to receive the jacket.