

English Learners (All Grade Levels)

A student who is an English learner is entitled to receive specialized services from the district. To determine whether the student qualifies for services, a Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will be formed, which will consist of both district personnel and at least one parent representative. The student's parent must consent to any services recommended by the LPAC for an English learner. However, pending the receipt of parental consent or denial of services, an eligible student will receive the services to which the student is entitled and eligible.

To determine a student's level of proficiency in English, the LPAC will use information from a variety of assessments. If the student qualifies for services, and once a level of proficiency has been established, the LPAC will then designate instructional accommodations or additional special programs that the student will require to eventually become proficient at grade level work in English. Ongoing assessments will be conducted to determine a student's continued eligibility for the program.

The LPAC will also determine whether certain accommodations are necessary for any state-mandated assessments. The STAAR Spanish, as mentioned at **Standardized Testing** on page 94, may be administered to an English learner for a student up to grade 5. In limited circumstances, a student's LPAC may exempt the student from an otherwise required state-mandated assessment or may waive certain graduation requirements related to the English I end-of-course (EOC) assessment. The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) will also be administered to English learners who qualify for services.

If a student is considered an English learner and receives special education services because of a qualifying disability, the student's ARD committee will make instructional and assessment decisions in conjunction with the LPAC.

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations (All Grade Levels)

Participation in school and school-related activities is an excellent way for a student to develop talents, receive individual recognition, and build strong friendships with other students; participation, however, is a privilege, not a right. Eligibility for participation in many of these activities is governed by state law as well as rules of the University Interscholastic League (UIL)—a statewide association overseeing interdistrict competition. If a student is involved in an academic, athletic, or fine arts activity governed by UIL, the student and parent are expected to know and follow all rules of the UIL organization. Students involved in UIL activities and their parents can access the UIL Parent Information Manual at [UIL Parent Information Manual](#); a hard copy can be provided by the coach or sponsor of the activity on request. To report a complaint of alleged noncompliance with required safety training or an alleged violation of safety rules required by law and the UIL, please contact the curriculum division of TEA at (512) 463-9581 or curriculum@tea.texas.gov.

[See [UIL Texas](#) for additional information on all UIL-governed activities.]

Student safety in extracurricular activities is a priority of the district. The equipment used in football is no exception. As a parent, you are entitled to review the district's records regarding

the age of each football helmet used by the campus, including when a helmet has been reconditioned.

The following requirements apply to all extracurricular activities:

- A student who receives a grade below 70 at the end of a grading period may not participate in extracurricular activities for a time period, as stipulated in the *UIL Side-by-Side* at <http://www.uil-texas.org/policy/tea-uil-side-by-side> [FM (Legal)]. Students in advanced courses, such as pre-AP, AP, GT courses, and dual credit college courses, are required to maintain a passing standard of 60 or higher in order to maintain UIL eligibility *FMF(Local)*. Students who fall below this passing standard will lose UIL eligibility in accordance with UIL regulations and for the period of time identical to students who lose eligibility in non-advanced courses.
- A student who has an individualized education program (IEP) who fails to meet the standards in the IEP may not participate for a time period, as stipulated in the *UIL Side-by-Side*.
- An ineligible student may practice or rehearse.
- A student is allowed in a school year up to ten absences not related to post-district competition, a maximum of five absences for post-district competition prior to state, and a maximum of two absences for state competition. All extracurricular activities and public performances, whether UIL activities or other activities approved by the Board, are subject to these restrictions.
- A student who misses a class because of participation in an activity that has not been approved will receive an unexcused absence unless the absence is excused by campus administration.

Sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities, including but not limited to: interscholastic academics and athletics, cheerleaders, drill teams, and marching bands, 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. These higher standards are outlined in each extracurricular group's guidelines and constitutions. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property. No provision of an extracurricular behavioral standard shall have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex, race, disability, religion, or ethnicity. If a violation is also a violation of school guidelines and expectations, the consequences specified by the *Student Code of Conduct* or by local policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization.

Expected standards of behavior shall be approved by the principal and the Superintendent or designee before they are communicated to students. Students shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or, in the case of interscholastic athletics, cheerleaders, drill team, and marching band, at the time the students report for workouts or practices that occur prior to the actual beginning of classes. Signing the registration documentation serves as receipt and awareness of the *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct* and acknowledges the responsibilities outlined therein. Failure to sign does not exempt the student from following the Extra/Co-Curricular portions of the *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct*.

Organizational standards of conduct of an extracurricular activity are independent of the *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct*. Violations of the organization's standards of conduct that are also violations of the *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct* may result in school-assessed disciplinary actions. Likewise, students who violate the District's *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct* will be assessed appropriate disciplinary consequences for the infraction and the consequences may result in a student's removal or limited participation in an extracurricular activity if the disciplinary action or level of offense violates the higher standards of conduct specified by the student's extracurricular organization. Administrators and sponsors are expected to discipline students according to established guidelines and expectations.

Board Policies FM (LEGAL/LOCAL), FNC (LOCAL), and FO (LEGAL/LOCAL)

Standards of Behavior - *Extra/Co-Curricular Agreement Violation Consequences*

Sponsors of student clubs and performing groups such as the band, choir, and drill and athletic teams may establish standards of behavior—including consequences for misbehavior—that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of school rules, the consequences specified by the Student Code of Conduct or by board policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization's standards of behavior.

Consequences for violating the "Extracurricular/Co-curricular Student Agreement of Conduct" will be in effect for all students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities year round. Consequences will be administered during the subsequent school session for violations that occur during summer break. School sponsored extracurricular and co-curricular activities in which students perform or compete are covered by the Agreement. Records of first and second level offenses do not carry over to the next school year except in instances in which the suspension period has not been completed.

FIRST LEVEL OFFENSE - 10 PERCENT OF ACTIVITY'S PROGRAM/CONTESTS SUSPENSION

Violations at this level are first time violations of the Student Code of Conduct Levels II, or III as determined by the campus administration who will coordinate with the appropriate coordinator/coach/sponsor within the activity.

- The student shall be suspended from non-curricular required contests, competitions, and/or activities for a period of 10 percent (10%) of that activity's program/contests, including any contests, competitions, or activities that fall on weekends and/or holidays during the 10 percent suspension period. If the incident happens during a weekend and/or holiday, the student may not participate during that time, and once school reconvenes, the student will complete the assigned suspension period. The start date of the suspension period will be determined by campus administration and participation may reconvene on the day following the completion of the 10 percent suspension period. Parents will be notified of the disciplinary consequence, the start date of the suspension, and the length of the suspension period.
- If the notice is received at a time when there is less than 10 percent remaining in the season of an extracurricular and/or co-curricular activity in which the student is

participating, the suspension period for the remainder of suspension not served by the student will be determined by the campus administration.

- If the notice is received at a time during the school year when the extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities in which the student participates are not occurring; or if the notice is received at a time when the student is not participating in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities because of the student's academic standing, a health-related reason, or because the student is not participating for any other reason, the suspension period will not begin until the time the student would otherwise begin participation or otherwise be eligible or able to participate in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities. The suspension period to be served by the student will be determined by the campus administration.
- During the period of suspension, the student will be allowed to participate in school-based practices before, during, or after the school day.
- The University Interscholastic League may set other standards, which will require compliance of students in UIL-sponsored groups.

SECOND LEVEL OFFENSE - 20 PERCENT OF ACTIVITY'S PROGRAM/CONTESTS SUSPENSION

Offenses at this level are second time violations of the Student Code of Conduct Level II, or III as determined by the campus administration who will coordinate with the appropriate coordinator/coach/sponsor within the activity.

- The student shall be suspended from non-curricular required contests, competitions, and/or activities for a period of 20 percent (20%) of that activity's program/contests, including any contests, competitions, or activities that fall on weekends and/or holidays during the 20 percent suspension period. If the incident happens during a weekend and/or holiday, the student may not participate during that time, and once school reconvenes, the student will complete the assigned suspension period. The start date of the suspension period will be determined by campus administration and participation may reconvene on the day following the 20 percent suspension period. Parents will be notified of the disciplinary consequence, the start date of the suspension, and the length of the suspension period.
- If the notice is received at a time when there is less than 20 percent remaining in the season of an extracurricular and/or co-curricular activity in which the student is participating, the suspension period for the remainder of suspension not served by the student will be determined by the campus administration.
- If the notice is received at a time during the school year when the extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities in which the student participates are not occurring; or if the notice is received at a time when the student is not participating in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities because of the student's academic standing, a health-related reason, or because the student is not participating for any other reason, the suspension period will not begin until the time the student would otherwise begin participation or otherwise be eligible or able to participate in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities. The suspension period to be served by the student will be determined by the campus administration.

- During the period of suspension, the student will be allowed to participate in school-based practices before, during, or after the school day.
- The University Interscholastic League may set other standards, which will require compliance of students in UIL-sponsored groups.

THIRD LEVEL OFFENSE - ONE CALENDAR YEAR SUSPENSION

Violations at this level may include but are not limited to:

1. Continued violations at previous levels,
 2. Extremely severe offenses, or
 3. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct Levels IV and/or V as determined by the campus administration in coordination with the appropriate coordinator/coach/sponsor within the activity.
- The student will be removed from participation in non-curricular required activities for one calendar year from the date of the disciplinary offense.
 - Parents will be notified of the disciplinary consequence, the start date of the suspension, and the length of the suspension period.
 - After the one-year suspension, the student must apply for reinstatement to an established campus committee consisting of the administrator, the counselor, the campus athletics coordinator or designee, the campus fine arts director or designee, and an additional activity sponsor/coach will review the student's academic, attendance, and behavior records.
 - The University Interscholastic League may set other standards, which will require compliance of students in UIL-sponsored groups.

VIOLATION DEFINITIONS

The principal has the responsibility and authority to ensure that all violations of the Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Agreement of Conduct ("Agreement") are thoroughly investigated, decisions are made and based on the facts and that all students across all organizations are dealt with in a consistent manner. The role of the sponsor is to report suspected violators, participate in the investigation as required by the administration, assist with decisions regarding violations and/or disciplinary action, and to enforce the sanctions laid out in these guidelines.

The following guidelines will be enforced consistently among all students in all extracurricular/co-curricular student groups, organizations, and/or sports. In the event that evidence is presented to the administrator which the administrator finds is substantiated, the administrator will enforce these guidelines. The campus administrator or designee will also evaluate regular disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Northwest ISD Student Code of Conduct. To participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, students are expected to sign the Agreement at the beginning of each school year or at the time of the student's enrollment in the District if the student enrolls following the first day of school for the school year in which they are participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities. The "Agreement" is effective from the date of signature until the first day of instruction for the following school year.

Appeals of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Contract are handled in accordance with FNG(LEGAL) and FNG(LOCAL).

Removal from the extracurricular/co-curricular activity will begin the first day of contest and/or performance in which the student participates or the days determined by the campus administrator in coordination with the appropriate coordinator/coach/sponsor within the activity.

Possible Violations

1. Student engages in conduct that violates the extracurricular/co-curricular activity guidelines, as determined by the campus administrator and/or the appropriate coordinator/coach/sponsor within the activity.
2. Student is not in the presence of his/her parents and is in a situation where alcohol, tobacco, vaping or any prohibited substance is being used by, in the possession of, and/or in the presence of, other minors (including but not limited to field parties, keg parties and raves) and the student does not make an affirmative attempt to remove him/herself from the situation immediately.
3. Student is under the influence of, consuming, in possession of, delivery, provision, solicitation or sale of prohibited substances at a non-school function or student is charged or convicted for criminal behavior** (including non-felony behavior), while at a non-school related function (non-mandatory DAEP, non-expulsion offenses). It is not a violation of the "Agreement" to receive a routine traffic citation.
4. Student commits any Level II, III or IV disciplinary offenses for which, according to the *NISD Student Code of Conduct*, a student may be assigned any of the following consequence:
 - In-School Suspension (ISS)
 - Out of School Suspension (OSS)
 - Placement in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), or
 - Expulsion (JJAEP)
5. Consuming or being under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol or using tobacco illegally.
6. The sale and/or possession of alcohol, an illegal drug, or drug contraband.
7. The depictions of the use, sale, possession, and/or distribution of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.
8. The possession or use of tobacco, e-cigarette, vape pen, e-vaporizer, dab pen, JUUL, liquid cartridges or any other device used to inhale an aerosol.
9. Remaining at a gathering where illegal drugs and/or alcohol are being used, possessed, sold, and/or distributed illegally.

NOTE: No consequences will be assessed for students who immediately leave an activity upon learning of the introduction of alcohol and/or drugs and self-report the incident to a campus administrator and/or organization sponsor at the beginning of the next school day.
10. Any other offense that violates the *Student Code of Conduct* and/or compromises the integrity and credibility of the organization(s).

** All NISD Athletic Coaches and Athletic Directors follow the Texas High School Coaches Association Code of Ethics Article IX — Management of Felony Crime, which states, *"It will be considered a breach of the Code of Ethics to willingly allow a student/athlete who is charged with and under indictment for a felony crime to participate in an athletic contest. This action should not be considered a presumption of guilt, but rather it affords the accused athlete the time and opportunity to clear his/her name. The student/athlete may be allowed to remain on his/her athletic team as a suspended member, but should not be allowed to represent his/her school or community in an athletic contest while under this suspension."* For student athletes, in the event of conflict between the sanctions imposed under section 2 of the Student Guidelines and the Texas High School Coaches Association Code of Ethics, Article IX — Management of a Felony, the Texas High School Coaches Association Code of Ethics, Article IX—Management of a Felony, will prevail.

Offices and Elections

Certain clubs, organizations, and performing groups will hold elections for student officers.

Fees (All Grade Levels)

Materials that are part of the basic educational program are provided with state and local funds at no charge to a student. A student, however, is expected to provide his or her own pencils, paper, erasers, and notebooks and may be required to pay certain other fees or deposits, including:

- Costs for materials for a class project that the student will keep.
- Membership dues in voluntary clubs or student organizations and admission fees to extracurricular activities.
- Security deposits.
- Personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel.
- Voluntarily purchased pictures, publications, class rings, yearbooks, graduation announcements, etc.
- Voluntarily purchased student health and accident insurance.
- Musical instrument rental and uniform maintenance, when uniforms are provided by the district.
- Instrument repair/maintenance.
- Personal apparel used in extracurricular activities that becomes the property of the student.
- Parking fees and student identification cards.
- Fees for lost, damaged, or overdue library books.
- Fees for driver training courses, if offered.