

Sullivan School District No. 300
Code of Conduct (Grades 5-12)

1. Preamble

Participation in extracurricular activities in the Sullivan School District is a privilege extended to the student body by the Board of Education. This Code of Conduct is an attempt to state expectations and help influence positive behavior of those students representing the Sullivan Middle and Senior High Schools and to combat the presence and use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco by Sullivan students. Students who participate in certain extracurricular activities, as identified by the Board of Education below, serve as role models for other students and may instill high standards of conduct, composure and integrity in other students at Sullivan Middle and Senior High schools. In addition, the student leaders and participants in specified extracurricular activities represent Sullivan Middle and Senior High Schools and depict its character. Accordingly, the students who participate in the extracurricular activities identified in Section II of this policy of the Sullivan School District are expected to conform their conduct at all times to the highest standards of propriety.

II. Application

This policy applies to Sullivan Grades 5 through 12 students participating in those activities which the Board of Education, the Administration, Faculty, students and members of the community recognize to be positions of leadership within Sullivan Middle and Senior High Schools. The Student Code of Conduct shall be enforced by the Administration for 365 days a year, twenty-four hours a day, on and off campus.

Athletic (Grades 5-12) School Teams Only

Football, Cross Country, Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball,
Swimming, Track, Cheerleading, Dance

Other Extracurricular Activities

Sullivan Singers, Singers Jr., Marching Band, Scholastic Bowl, FFA, FCCLA,
SHS Musical

III. Definitions

1. Gross Disobedience or Misconduct is any conduct, behavior or activity, as defined by the Board of Education in its policies, which causes or may reasonably cause school authorities to forecast substantial injury or disruption or material interference with school activities or the rights of other students or school personnel. The Board of Education hereby finds that if students subject to this Code engage in misconduct while off campus, outside of school hours, a direct relationship exists between the conduct and the school's educational function, as the student is a school leader and a role model for other students.
2. Other Conduct is any conduct, behavior or activity which does not meet the ideals for good character, citizenship, leadership or sportsmanship, including, but not limited to, conduct for which an arrest has been made by law enforcement officials or conduct which violates training rules.
3. Suspension is the exclusion of a student from an activity for a period of time determined by the Board of Education or appropriate school personnel.

IV. Standard of Conduct

Any student who is a member of a team and/or organization (as identified in Section II – Application) is prohibited from engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, either on or off school grounds, at any time during the entire 365-day calendar year starting on the earliest practice date approved by the Illinois High School Association. Gross disobedience or misconduct shall include, but is not limited to, the types of conduct designated in the Board of Education's Student Discipline Policy which is incorporated into this Policy.

Any student who is a member of one of the above teams and/or organizations is prohibited from engaging in any other conduct during the entire school year, either on or off school grounds and at any time including the use of social media and online presence, which does not meet the ideals for good character, citizenship, leadership, and sportsmanship including, but not limited to, conduct for which an arrest has been made by law enforcement officials or conduct which violates training rules.

The district will review and maintain guidelines for disciplining students in violation of the Standard of Conduct.

Coaches and sponsors may have additional rules above and beyond the Activity Code (provided these rules are approved by the building principal.) A copy of these rules along with consequences shall be given to each participant

at the beginning of the activity. The coaches' or sponsors' rules will be enforced only during the season that the student participates in that activity.

V. Application of Discipline

If the suspended student is participating in an activity at the time of the suspension and the penalty will not be fulfilled by the end of that activity's season, the remainder of the penalty will be applied to another activity as designed by the Principal and/or Athletic Director, Superintendent, or Board of Education, as appropriate. A student, with principal permission, may elect to participate in a sport or activity he/she has not previously participated, in order to serve the suspension. If tryouts for a sport or activity are held, student must make the team. The student must successfully complete the season of the sport or activity.

When a student is involved in more than one extracurricular activity at the same time (i.e. basketball and Singers) the duration of the penalty will end for both as soon as the obligation is finished with one of the activities. The student is then eligible in both activities.

VI. Suspension and Due Process

Prior to the imposition of discipline for violation of this Code, a student shall be afforded due process, including notice of the alleged violation and an opportunity to offer an explanation of the facts. Determination on whether a student has violated the Code and the assignment of consequences will be made by the Athletic Director, Director of Student Activities, or Assistant Principal. If a parent or student wishes to appeal a decision, the appeal is to be made to the Building Principal.

VII. Dissemination of Policy

1. This policy shall be incorporated into the student handbook which shall be disseminated to all students attending Sullivan Community Unit School District #300.
2. This policy shall be distributed to all student activity participants at student registration.
3. This policy will be reviewed with students by the coach/sponsor of each activity at the first meeting of each activity.

Guidelines for Disciplining Student Subject to the Student Activity Code

The following guidelines are provided to help ensure consistency in the disciplining of students who are subject to the Student Activity Code. (Any fraction of a contest is rounded up for suspension purposes.)

A tournament (competition) will constitute the number of guaranteed games in that tournament. Should a team play more games than the guaranteed number, that amount of games will be applied to the total number for which the student is suspended. Middle School suspension will be based on similar proportionate criteria.

CONSEQUENCES

First Offense*

Suspension from $\frac{1}{3}$ of contests and student participation in an approved student assessment program at the student's expense before returning to activity

OR

Suspension from $\frac{1}{6}$ of contests if a student self-reports violation before a determination is made by the administration AND student participation in an approved student assessment program at the student's expense.

Second Offense **

Suspension for one calendar year and mandatory student participation in assessment program and random drug testing, both at the student's expense.

OR

Suspension from one season of contests if a student self-reports violation before a determination is made by the administration AND student participation in an approved student assessment program at the student's expense. (Student must satisfactorily complete all assigned aspects of season. Inability to do so or removal from team will revert consequence to full calendar year.)

** Upon administrator approval and approval of each coach/sponsor involved. Number of offenses are cumulative throughout a student's time in each building. If a student has a violation during freshman year and another during junior year, this would be a second offense.

Third Offense

Permanent suspension from all contests for remainder of school career.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR
CODE OF CONDUCT

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PERMISSION FORM

I give my son/daughter, _____
permission to participate in extra-curricular interscholastic programs offered by
Sullivan School District. I have read the attached code of conduct and
understand that my son/daughter will be expected to obey these guidelines
throughout the entire 365-day calendar year. I understand that my son/daughter
must meet all eligibility requirements of the Sullivan School District, the Illinois
High School Association, and the Illinois Elementary School Association as well
as other rules and regulations established by each coach and approved by the
administration.

I understand that the school and coaches will take reasonable care and
precaution to prevent accidents, but the school, teachers, and/or coaches are not
responsible if any accident should occur in practice, or in a game.

Date _____

Parent
Signature _____

Date _____

Student
Signature _____