



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular programs contribute to the educational, emotional and social development of students. Since students do not receive grades and credits for participation in co-curricular programs, students elect to participate in these activities for personal development and gratification. Co-curricular activities include elected student body offices, student clubs and organizations, athletics, yell leading and song leading.

Students who elect to participate in or compete for the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities have inherent responsibilities to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of the school, school district, community, state and nation that they represent. In addition to the behavioral standards and disciplinary consequences applicable to all students in the District, each student desiring to participate in a co-curricular activity must comply with the District's co-curricular Code of Conduct.*

Code of Conduct

Students will comply with all federal, state and local laws, school district policies and procedures and school regulations. They will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the common courtesies of decency, morality, cleanliness, honesty and respect for the rights and property of others. Code is in effect for Sections A, B and C during the school day, to/from a school-sponsored activity, or during the lunch period whether on or off campus.

Code Violations

Any student who elects to participate in co-curricular activities and who violates the Code of Conduct in any way may experience disciplinary consequences. Disciplinary consequences for violations of the Code of Conduct for suspendable offenses as defined in Education Code sections 48900, 48900.2-4 (enumerated in Administrative Regulation 5144.1) are as follows:

- A. For violation of Education Code 48900 (a)-(b) and (e)-(t):
- (a) (1) caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person and
(2) willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense;
 - (b) possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any such object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or the designee of the principal;
 - (e) committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion;
 - (f) caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property;
 - (g) stolen or attempted to steal school property or private property;
 - (h) Possessed or used tobacco, or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel. However, this does not prohibit use or possession by a student of his or her own prescription products;
 - (i) committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity;
 - (j) unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia as defined in the Health and Safety Code (Section 11014.5);



- (k) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties;
- (l) knowingly received stolen school property or private property;
- (m) possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm;
- (n) committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code;
- (o) harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that student from being a witness or retaliating against that student for being a witness, or both;
- (p) unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell or sold the prescription drug Soma;
- (q) engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing as defined in Section 245.6 of the Penal Code;
- (s) a pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may suffer suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to the provisions of this section, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (a);
- (t) as used in this section, "school property" includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases:

First offense in a school year:	Suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 10 days of school from the first date of disciplinary action;
Second offense in a school year:	Suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 20 days of school from the first date of disciplinary action;
Third offense in a school year:	Suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration of the school year. The student will be placed on probation for the following school year, and a subsequent violation while on probation will cause the student to be denied further co-curricular participation for the remainder of that school year.

*Exception noted in section C-3.

B. Students will refrain from using, possessing or furnishing alcohol or other illegal drugs as stated in Education Code section 48900 (c) and (d):

(c) Using, possessing or furnishing alcohol:

First offense in a school year:	Suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 20 days of school from the first date of disciplinary action;
Second offense in a school year:	Suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration of the school year. The student will be placed on probation for



the following school year, and a subsequent violation while on probation will cause the student to be denied further co-curricular participation for the remainder of that school year.

(d) Using, possessing or furnishing other illegal drugs:

First offense in
a school year:

Suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than
20 days of school from the first date of disciplinary action;

Second offense in
a school year:

Suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration of
the school year. The student will be placed on probation for the
following school year, and a subsequent violation while on
probation will cause the student to be denied further co-curricular
participation for the remainder of that school year.

C. Without limitation of the specific provisions of paragraphs A or B above, students may be suspended from participation in co-curricular activities for any of the following reasons:

1. Commission of any offense referred to in California Education Code section 48900

48900.2, committed sexual harassment as defined in Section 212.5;

48900.3, caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of, hate violence, as defined in subdivision (3) of Section 233;

48900.4, intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of either school personnel or pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment;

48900.7, made terroristic threats against school officials or school property, or both

(sections 48900.2-4 and -7 are enumerated in Administrative Regulation 5144.1) which results in the student's being recommended for expulsion from school; or

2. In addition, per California Education Code 48915, the principal or superintendent shall recommend expulsion of a pupil for any of the following acts committed at school or a school activity:

- a. Causing serious physical injury to another person.
- b. Possession of any knife, explosive or other dangerous object.
- c. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance.
- d. Robbery or extortion.
- e. Assault or battery upon any school employee.

The principal or superintendent shall immediately suspend and recommend expulsion of a pupil who has committed any of the following acts at school or at a school activity:

- a. Possessing, selling or furnishing a firearm.
- b. Brandishing a knife at another person.
- c. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance.
- d. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or sexual battery.
- e. Possession of an explosive.



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3. Commission of any felony criminal offense or any juvenile offense that would be a felony if the student were an adult. This section is applicable twenty-four hours per day and need not be a school related issue.

First offense in
a school year:

Suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than
40 days of school from the first date of disciplinary action;

Second offense in
a school year:

Suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration
of the school year. The student will be placed on probation for
the following school year, and a subsequent violation while on
probation will cause the student to be denied further
co-curricular participation for the remainder of that school
year.

Logistics

- A. Every participant and his/her parent/guardian will be apprised of the co-curricular Code of Conduct via the usual school-to-student and school-to-parent communiqués.
- B. Any student failing to return or pay for lost or damaged co-curricular equipment (uniforms, etc.) will be suspended from participation in co-curricular activities until restitution is made.
- C. School principals will direct the development and implementation of any needed school regulations and/or forms to implement this procedure.

Review Process

- A. Students suspended from co-curricular activities shall be notified in writing by the principal or his or her designee of the suspension and the basis thereof, as soon as practical after the school becomes aware of the basis for said suspension.
- B. Students shall be entitled to a conference with the principal/designee within two school days of the notice referred to in A above. Unless otherwise directed by the principal/designee, the actual suspension shall not take place until said conference is held or the aforementioned two-day period has expired.
- C. If the student or his or her parent is not satisfied with the results of the conference referred to in paragraph B above, they may have the decision reviewed by the superintendent or his or her designee by making a request within five (5) school days of receiving the notification of the decision referred to in paragraph B above.
- D. If the student or his or her parent is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent/designee, they may appear before the school board at a regular meeting (closed or open as requested by the parent).
- E. During the appeal process as noted above, the suspension from co-curricular activities remains in effect pending the outcome of the appeal.
- F. The process provided for herein is intended to be informal in nature and shall in no way be intended to confer a right to appeal or hearing, other than as specifically provided for herein.



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I have read and understand this Student Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular Activities and recognize that a violation of Chico Unified School District Administrative Procedure 5005.1 will result in the consequences as stated.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

 Signature of Parent or Guardian

 Signature of Student

 Date