

THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR STUDENT ACTIVITY CONDUCT CODE

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This code is applicable to **any student in a school approved co-curricular student activity**. A *co-curricular student activity* is defined as a club or group that forms, meets, or practices at times other than or in addition to the regular school day and school year. Compliance with the code is required during the time the co-curricular activity is active and students in the organization are participating in the activity.

It is believed that a strong student activities program makes school life richer and more rewarding, and adherence to certain behavioral codes enhances an individual student's pattern of living. Every participant in co-curricular activities is expected to adhere to the rules of Theodore Roosevelt High School and conduct himself/herself as a *good citizen* within the school and community at all times.

The courts have determined that students have a right to attend school. However, courts have also stated clearly that participation in co-curricular activities is not a right but rather a privilege that may be regulated by the school. Therefore, all students who participate in co-curricular activities must follow all regulations of the **Kent City Schools Student Conduct Code**, the **Roosevelt High School Student-Parent Handbook** and **Co-Curricular Student Activity Conduct Code** as well as the **rules of specific clubs or school organizations** to which they belong.

Each student is expected to:

1. Behave in a manner that reflects positively on the school.
2. Comply with the **Kent City Schools Student Conduct Code** and Theodore Roosevelt High School **Student-Parent Handbook**.
3. Comply with all rules and requirements as stated in the club/activity constitution (i.e. attendance expectations, minimum grade standards, etc.) and reviewed by the activity advisor.
4. Attend school at least one-half day (four periods) to be eligible to practice or participate on any given school day (i.e. performing arts rehearsal/event, club meeting, etc.).
5. Meet all financial obligations resulting from equipment/uniform fees, replacement of lost or stolen equipment, and/or unpaid balances from fund raisers. All financial debts must be paid prior to participation in any present or future co-curricular activities.

At the beginning of the school year each advisor distributes and reviews a copy of club/activity rules and requirements for participants that include a description of conduct that may cause denial of participation from that organization's activities. When a violation occurs, the advisor issues the **Notice of Denial of Participation** form that states the violation, the length of time participation is denied, and deadlines for completing consequences. Due process procedures, including appeal to the Superintendent and/or the Board of Education, **do not apply** to co-curricular activity suspensions, and the decision of the Student Activities Coordinator is final.

When the **violation involves alcohol and/or drugs** (Student Conduct Code Item B-9, B-10 and B-11):

1. For the **first offense** that takes place **during a school day or at any school sponsored activity**, a two-week Denial of Participation from all co-curricular activities (*or other appropriate consequence as determined by the club advisor(s) and approved by the Student Activities Coordinator*) is assigned. The student must follow through with Theodore Roosevelt High School's automatic consequences as defined in the **Student-Parent Handbook**, and upon choosing the option to work with the Student Assistance Coordinator, must comply with all recommendations by the deadlines stated on the **Notice of Denial of Participation** form. Failure to complete assigned consequences in the specified time period will result in continued denial of participation.

For the **first offense** that takes place **outside of school** (*as reported by police, parent/guardian or self-admission*), the student will have the choice of a two-week Denial of Participation from all co-curricular activities (*or other appropriate consequence as determined by the club advisor(s) and approved by the Student Activities Coordinator*) or participation in a school-approved alcohol and/or drug assessment and counseling program as specified by the school's Student Assistance Coordinator. The student selecting this option must meet, along with a parent/guardian, with the Student Assistance Coordinator and comply with all recommendations by the deadlines stated on the **Notice of Denial of Participation** form. Failure to complete assigned consequences in the specified time period will result in continued denial of participation.

2. For the **second offense** (*inside or outside of school*) during a student's high school career, the student is subject to Denial of Participation for one calendar year pending completion of a program to be determined by the student, parent/guardian, Student Assistance Coordinator, Guidance Counselor and Student Activities Coordinator. Upon completion of the program or after twelve months from the date of the violation, the student may petition a hearing committee in order to once again participate in co-curricular activities. The written petition should include an appropriate action plan for the student's involvement in specific activities. The hearing committee, consisting of the Student Assistance Coordinator, Guidance Counselor and Student Activities Coordinator, will approve the action plan and support the student in its implementation.
3. Any **additional violations** may lead to denial of participation for the balance of a student's high school career.