

Brackett ISD



Extracurricular Handbook **2025-2026**

Statement of Philosophy

The District believes that extracurricular activities afford students opportunities to develop leadership, interpersonal, and citizenship skills. A variety of extracurricular programs exists in the form of clubs, teams, and performing groups. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Because students represent their school and the District in highly visible positions in elected offices and/or appointed positions in which they perform, participate, or compete, these students are viewed as role models. The demands and responsibilities require participants to commit time and effort while maintaining high standards of conduct. Activities include but are not limited to: Academic competitions, Athletics, Band, Cheer, Color Guard, FFA, National Honor Society, One Act Play, and STUCO.

Definition of Extracurricular Activities

An extracurricular activity is an activity sponsored by the UIL, the Board, or an organization sanctioned by Board resolution. The activity is not necessarily directly related to instruction of the essential knowledge and skills, but may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum.

Extracurricular activities include public performances (except as described below), contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities. In addition, an activity is subject to this policy 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;
3. The activity is held off-campus, except in a case in which adequate facilities do not exist on campus;
4. The general public is invited; or
5. An admission is charged.

A student ineligible to participate in an extracurricular 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 if:

1. The performance is one to which the general public is invited; and
2. The requirement for student participation in public is stated in the essential knowledge and skills of the course.

Individual Activity Standards and Rules

In cooperation with the campus administration, activity coaches/directors are authorized to develop individual activity standards and rules related to activity participation for minor infractions or offenses identified as “General Conduct Violations.” A student’s participation in a particular extracurricular activity is conditioned upon the student’s compliance with the requirements and standards of behavior set forth in the individual extracurricular activity regulations, the **BISD Student Code of Conduct**, and **The Extracurricular Handbook**. The program sponsor in cooperation with the campus administration has the authority to develop the specific guidelines for membership within their individual extracurricular activity regulations. **The guidelines and expectations outlined in the handbooks must be followed throughout the entire calendar year, not just the academic year. This includes all breaks, including summer.**

Agreement to Comply

Participants who meet UIL and BISD eligibility requirements and are selected to represent a BISD school extracurricular program agree to comply with the behavior guidelines as set forth in the **BISD Student Code of Conduct, Extracurricular Handbook, Student Handbook**, and the individual extracurricular program requirements. **As well as comply with grading policies and state eligibility requirements.** Regardless of signature, all students are expected to read, understand, and comply with the policies outlined in this handbook.

Tryout Procedure

Tryout procedures and the calendar for the various extracurricular activities are determined by the individual activity directors and campus principal in accordance with BISD guidelines. Upon completion of the tryout procedure, if any, for the extracurricular activity, the sponsor will notify all participants of their membership status. The results of tryout procedures are final and cannot be appealed.

Dress and Grooming

Students who participate in extracurricular activities shall comply with the District's policy on student dress and grooming and the coach/director's specific requirements for the activity. These standards may impose restrictions or standards that are more rigorous than the district-wide dress and grooming standards.

Drug Testing

To be eligible to participate in any school sponsored extracurricular activity, a secondary student (9-12 and 8th grade band students) shall agree to participate in a drug-testing program that includes a mandatory test of all participants at the beginning of the school year and random testing during the school year. – see policy FNF(local)

Fees, Equipment, Uniforms

Students must care for District-issued equipment as if it were their own. Equipment must be properly stored, in the proper location, and shall be kept clean and maintained.

Students who lose or damage District equipment will be charged for it.

All District equipment must be returned at the end of the season or school year, as directed by the coach/director. Exceptions would be for musical instruments issued to the student over the summer.

Student-owned equipment is the sole responsibility of the student; BISD will not be responsible for any loss or damage that occurs to student-owned equipment.

If uniforms are required for an activity/organization, the student shall be required to ensure that the uniform is worn only at appropriate times and is neat and clean for the practice, performance, competition, or game/tournament. A fee for the maintenance, dry cleaning, or laundering of the uniform may be collected.

Travel

Students who have the opportunity to travel in connection with the BISD extracurricular activity/organization are representatives of the District and must exhibit exemplary behavior at all times. The BISD Student Code of Conduct is applicable and enforced during all extracurricular travel and activities. District officials may search all luggage and carry-on items for contraband prior to departing for travel to the activity. Travel to any activity that requires an overnight stay will require all luggage and carry-on items to be searched prior to departure. Failure to comply with a search will result in non participation in that activity/trip and consequences for not participating will be enforced. Students who dress or behave inappropriately while traveling to or from a BISD activity may be suspended or removed from the activity or organization, depending upon the nature of the misconduct.

Travel is an extension to the school day; however the communication device policy is modified during student travel for students participating in extracurricular activities. During student travel searches, a communication device that is off and stored will not be confiscated but it must remain off and stored during the school day hours during travel.

All students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to ride in transportation provided by the school to and from the event. Students may be released to a parent or other adult specified by a parent prior to the end of the trip if the parent has submitted the request form prior to leaving for the event/activity. Forms may be found online or picked up in the Secondary office.

If travel consists of a combination of boys and girls, separation of the opposite sex will take place. Ex: boys in the back of the bus, girls in the front of the bus.

Students involved in travel shall:

- Be on time for all trips;
- Dress neatly and in compliance with the District dress and grooming code; unless otherwise approved and/or required by the sponsor/coach
- Be on their best behavior in restaurants and hotels;
- Care for any equipment assigned to the student and return it to the proper location upon return to the school;
- Be on their best behavior while on the bus or other vehicle; and
- Promptly obey all instructions given by the coach/director or any adult chaperone.

General Rules of Conduct

Students who participate in extracurricular activities shall comply with the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, Extracurricular Handbook as well as the following rules at all times.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities shall:

- Show respect for all officials and staff.
- Participate in every practice, competition, performance, game, tournament, and event required by the coach/director, unless the coach/director has granted an excused absence.
- Arrive promptly, properly attired, for every practice, competition, game, tournament, etc., unless the coach/director has granted an excused absence/tardy.

- Adhere to the grooming standards established by the individual activity sponsor's regulations.
- Demonstrate a sportsmanlike behavior.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude.
- Be polite to others.
- Exemplify honesty in all school work.
- Exemplify superior conduct in all classes.
- Exemplary Attendance in school and get to class on time.

Attendance

Students engaged in extracurricular activities are expected to participate in all practices, performances, competitions, games, tournaments, and other events identified by the coach/director. The coach/director will identify times for required practices, performances, competitions, games, tournaments, etc., at the start of each semester or at the beginning of the activity season. The coach/director has the discretion to modify the schedule as needed.

If an absence must occur the student must contact the **sponsor/coach/director** as soon as they know they will not be in attendance.

School Day Attendance

Unless extenuating circumstances exist, students shall be in attendance at school before, during and after any extracurricular event/activity. Students must be in attendance during the day of practice or to participate in an extracurricular activity that day/night. Students must be in attendance the day after an event starting the first period of the day. Tardies or absences after an event will not be tolerated.

The following rules for attendance apply for all extracurricular activities:

- 1) A minimum of **4 class periods** must be attended in order to compete in an event/activity that same day
- 2) Students must be in attendance 4 class periods the Friday before a weekend in order to participate in an event/activity
- 3) Students must be in attendance the day after an event/activity starting with the first period of the day. Students not in attendance the following day will NOT be allowed to participate in the next competitive event/activity for any extracurricular activity. Ex: the next game, performance, competition
- 4) Students must be in attendance the day before leaving for an out of town activity or they will not be allowed to travel. Ex: leaving early in the morning for an event you must have been in attendance the day before
- 5) A note for any absence must be turned into the proper coach/director/sponsor - this is in addition to the copy the office needs (which copies can be made)
- 6) Absences for extenuating circumstances must be reported prior to the absence and must accompany a note after the absence in order to continue participation

Extenuating circumstances include the following:

- 1) Illness - doctor's note includes - dentist/eye doctor/medical doctor
- 2) Funeral - family death - note
- 3) Religious circumstances - note

Absences before, during or after an event/activity may only be excused with a note or proper documentation for one of the above reasons. Again, students **MUST** notify their coach/sponsor/director prior to or during the absence **UNLESS** it is an emergency.

Failure to comply with attendance rules may result in not competing, practicing, or participating in the next competitive competition for the event the student has been absent. Excessive absences may result in suspension or dismissal from the activity/organization. Such decisions shall be made in consultation with the director/sponsor and the campus principal.

Students under a doctor's care for an injury are expected to attend any practice, performance, competition, or other event relating to the activity/organization but will be allowed to participate only to the extent authorized by written order of the student's physician.

Students/Parents should make every effort to schedule health care appointments at times that will not interfere with school or extracurricular activity participation. If a conflict is unavoidable, the student shall inform the coach/director prior to the appointment and provide written documentation, acceptable to the coach/director, of the appointment.

Extracurricular Activity Conflicts Activities Sponsored by BISD

In the case of a conflict between BISD-sponsored student activities, extracurricular or otherwise, coaches/directors will work together to accommodate the student so that the student may participate in all activities to the extent possible. UIL and other BISD-sponsored performances or competitions will take precedence over clinics and/or practices. Students involved in multiple BISD-sponsored activities shall not be penalized by a grade reduction or limitation on further participation based upon such a conflict.

Activities Sponsored by Outside Organizations

In the case of a conflict between BISD-sponsored student activities and student activities sponsored by outside organizations, UIL and other BISD-sponsored performances, competition, clinics and/or practices will take precedence over the activity sponsored by the outside organization. Absences or tardies to BISD extracurricular activities due to schedule conflicts with activities sponsored by outside organizations will be unexcused. Consequences for unexcused absences or tardies due to participation in outside organizations will be enforced at the discretion of the BISD coach/director and the campus principal.

Disciplinary Infractions and Loss of Extracurricular Privileges

The demands and responsibilities require participants to commit time and effort while maintaining high standards of conduct. Students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to adhere to an even higher standard of behavior and conduct thus additional rules and regulations have been set. In addition to obeying rules set forth in the BISD **Student Code of Conduct, Extracurricular Handbook** and Student Handbook the following will take place:

Discipline Techniques

Discipline yourself, so others won't have too...

Each situation may require a different type of discipline. Whatever type of discipline is required, the purpose is to help students improve themselves, and to become better. Failure to accept this on the part of the student or parent/guardian may result in dismissal from the team and/or program. The different discipline techniques listed below may be used alone or in combination for Student Code of Conduct and non-Student Code of Conduct violations. The listing is not intended to be a list of progressive sanctions.

- *Oral/ Verbal Corrections
- *Counseling by Coaches/Sponsors
- *Parent Conference
- *Behavioral Contracts
- *Detentions
- *Saturday School
- *Withdrawal of privileges, identified by individual coach and sport
- *Dismissal from Team or Program
- *Loss of participation
- *Additional exercises, running, or other activities as coach/sponsor sees fit
- *Removal from program

Electronic Communication:

Social Media/Public Posts/Texting/Social Bullying

Social networking websites and electronic communication: Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that BISD's extracurricular participants' personal electronic communication is appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, photo sharing, or inappropriate texting that is published or appearing on the internet, is public domain even if it is marked private.

Extracurricular participants are responsible for texting and electronic communications through their personal sites, as well as postings on other students' sites. The areas of inappropriateness will include, but are not limited to, language (abbreviated or alluding to negative, lewd, vulgar, or obscene comments), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, references to gang culture, and references to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.

Communication on the internet or by electronic means by extracurricular participants that is published and as a result causes disruption or damage to school district property in the BISD are also inappropriate. Any member of the BISD extracurricular program who is involved in inappropriate, disruptive, negative, lewd, obscene, pictures of a graphic or sexual nature, and comments on any social media networks will result in disciplinary action and/or suspension or dismissal from the program.

Hazing/Bullying/Harassing/Assaulting:

Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed against a student, by one person alone or acting with others, that endanger the mental or physical health or the safety of a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include other students. Along the same lines, any form of bullying and/or hazing means engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or in a vehicle operated by BISD. Bullying occurs when a student or group of students engages in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that occurs on school property, at a school sponsored or school-related activity, or in a vehicle operated by the District and that:

1. Has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or
2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, and pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.

This conduct is considered bullying if it:

1. Exploits an imbalance of power between the student perpetrator and the student victim through written or verbal expression or physical conduct; and
2. Interferes with a student's education or substantially disrupts the operation of a school. Bullying of a student may include hazing, threats, taunting, teasing, confinement, assault, demands for money, destruction of property, theft of valued possessions, name calling, rumor spreading, or ostracism.
 - A. No student or school employee shall engage in any form of hazing, nor encourage or assist any other person in hazing. Acts of hazing and failure to report hazing can result in criminal penalties and school discipline. If the BISD administration determines that the offense is hazing, the athlete or athletes involved will be suspended from extracurricular programs for one calendar year. (FNCC Legal) (FNCC Local)
 - B. Harassment is defined in the Student Code of Conduct as annoying or bothering someone

persistently and/or constantly. Under some circumstances, a single act can constitute harassment.

- C. Assault is defined by the Student Code of Conduct as conduct that intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another, intentionally or knowingly threatens another with imminent bodily injury, or causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or proactive. (Defined under Texas Penal Code Section 22.01.)
- D. Any student that harasses, assaults, bullies, and/or hazes another student during the school day will forfeit their right to participate until they have completed 15 miles of cumulative running or equivalent and will be suspended from participating in an extracurricular contest for six weeks. If the said action occurs outside of school hours and/or off campus, then the head coach, Athletic Director and/or sponsor must be notified immediately. If a student does not make his or her coach/sponsor aware of the offense, then as a department, cannot help to remedy the situation.

If the infraction occurs when the student is out of season, they will complete the cumulative running or equivalent, but the individual cannot participate in his or her next sport/activity until the six weeks suspension has concluded.

Incriminating Photos/Videos/Statements

Incriminating photos, videos or statements depicting any of the following will result in disciplinary action, up to and possibly including removal from the team/squad: 1) violence; 2) hazing; 3) prohibited harassment (based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender); 4) lewdness including full or partial nudity; 5) inappropriate or profane gestures; 6) vandalism; 7) stalking; 8) selling, possessing, or use of alcohol; 9) selling, possessing, or using a controlled substance; 10) or any other criminal act or act punishable by law.

Public Display of Affection

Public display of affection is defined as the physical demonstration of affection for another person while in the view of others. This includes kissing, French kissing, as well as hugging for long periods of time and lying on each other. Any and all inappropriate displays of affection on campus are prohibited. Common sense shall prevail in the determination of excessive PDA.

With the Exception of Drugs, Alcohol and vaping, the actions below are followed:

Behaviors resulting in In-School Suspension.

Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the **minimum** consequences that may be administered. Any student removed from the regular educational setting and assigned to In-School Suspension, shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities as outlined below (including practices, which will have to be made up):

- **1st Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for the term of the ISS.
- **2nd Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for a full calendar week.
- **3rd Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for 2 full calendar weeks.

Behaviors resulting in Out-of-School Suspension from School.

Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the **minimum** consequences that may be

administered. Any student suspended from school shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities as outlined below (including practices, which must be made up):

- **1st Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for a full calendar week.
- **2nd Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for 2 full calendar weeks.
- **3rd Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for 21 school calendar days.

*If a student is cleared from out of school suspension due to an investigation, administration has the discretion to return the student to immediate participation in the extracurricular activities.

Behaviors resulting in Disciplinary AEP Assignment (Mandatory or Discretionary) Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the minimum consequences that may be administered. Any student removed from the regular educational setting and assigned to DAEP shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities and attending any school event as outlined below (including practices, which must be made up):

- **1st Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities and attending any school event for 21 full calendar days.
- **2nd Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities and attending any school event for the remainder of the school year.
- **3rd Offense:** (Grades 6-12) Suspension: The student shall be suspended from further participation in all extracurricular activities for one school calendar year.

Drugs/Alcohol:

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All student-athletes will be subject to a drug screening prior to school year beginning. If a student fails to or refuses to test prior to his/her activity/sport, they will be denied the privilege of participating. Subsequently, there will be random tests throughout the school year. See BISD Drug Testing Policy. Use of drugs and/or alcohol will not be condoned. This includes, but not limited to being found guilty or pleading guilty for Minor in Possession, Minor in Consumption, Driving While Intoxicated and Under the Influence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, etc. A plea of "No Contest" is considered a guilty plea. Any citation or arrests that occur on or off campus in regards to the aforementioned must be brought to the attention of the coach/sponsor/administrator immediately. Failure to notify may result in dismissal from the program.

Consequences for drug and alcohol offenses (positive testing/off campus offenses):

First Offense- Suspension from any extracurricular activity for 30 calendar days, during which they are not permitted to practice or attend any school event.

Second Offense- Suspension from any extracurricular activity for 60 calendar days, during which they are not permitted to practice or attend any school event.

Third Offense- Suspension from any extracurricular activity for 180 calendar days, during which they are not permitted to practice or attend any school event.

Fourth Offense- removal from the athletic program for the remainder of his or her high school career.

****NOTE- If a student is a one-sport athlete or one extracurricular activity, their suspension will follow him/her to the following sport or following school year. Also, if the offense(s) occur in the summer, the consequences will begin during the first week of competition.***

Vape/Tabacco/E-Cigarette

Use of drugs, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and/or vapes will not be condoned. This includes, but not limited to being found guilty or pleading guilty for Minor in Possession, Minor in Consumption, Driving While

Intoxicated and Under the Influence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, etc. A plea of “No Contest” is considered a guilty plea. Any citation or arrests that occur on or off campus in regards to the aforementioned must be brought to the attention of the coach/sponsor/administrator immediately. Failure to notify may result in dismissal from the program.

Consequences for Tobacco, E-Cigarette and/or Vape offenses:

First Offense- Suspension from any extracurricular activity for 30 calendar days, during which they are not permitted to practice or attend any school event.

Second Offense- Suspension from any extracurricular activity for 60 calendar days, during which they are not permitted to practice or attend any school event.

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Behavior Outside School's Ordinary Jurisdiction

Any student who participates in a BISD extracurricular activity and who is involved in an off-campus situation that results in substantial disruption or a reasonable forecast of substantial disruption to campus operations or activities and that involves possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing or displaying electronic messages that are illegal, abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, may be subject to disciplinary actions within their extracurricular organization in addition to consequences, **if any**, in accordance with the **Student Handbook** and **Student Code of Conduct**. Furthermore, arrest or citation for drug, alcohol, weapon, or violent offenses or any felony offense may result in disciplinary actions within their extracurricular organization in addition to consequences, **if any**, in accordance with the **Student Handbook** and **Student Code of Conduct**.

Transfer Students

Nonresident transfer students or students moving into BISD from another school district who wish to participate in extracurricular activities in BISD will have their disciplinary records from the previous district reviewed and may be ineligible for participation pending records request is fulfilled.

Academic Eligibility

A student in grades 9-12 may participate in extracurricular activities on or off campus at the beginning of the school year only if the student has earned the cumulative number of credits in state-approved courses.

Freshmen must successfully complete the 8th grade and be promoted to High School. **Sophomores** - start of year have earned 5 credits

Juniors - start of year have earned 10 credits during the past 12 months

Seniors - start of year have earned 15 credits during the past 12 months

Junior High students must be promoted to the 7th or 8th grade, otherwise they will be ineligible for the first 6 weeks grading period.

A student participating in UIL activities will be suspended from participation in activities, events, and/or games after a grading period in which the student received a grade lower than a 70 in any academic class. This suspension continues for 3 weeks. The grades will be reviewed at the end of the three-week period.

See Eligibility Calendar for dates to lose or gain eligibility.

If a student in extracurricular activities fails 2 eligibility grade reports they can be removed for the remainder of the academic school year. To be eligible to return the following year- the student-athlete must pass the remaining grade reporting periods during said school year.

All students required to remain academically eligible to participate. Remember “No Pass-No Play”.

Repeated academic suspensions may result in dismissal from the team.

Managers:

Student managers must be a member of the activity/event/sport, and must comply with all rules and regulations for that activity. Ex: Athletic managers MUST be an active member of the athletic program.

Lettering Policy:

Participants who letter in UIL academic events at the district level and beyond are eligible for a patch or jacket, according to UIL guidelines. To letter, participants must garner points for our school, based on participation, practice, and level attained in competition.

UIL Academics:

Expectations:

Students:

- 1) will attend scheduled practices and competitions.
- 2) will notify the coach of any conflict with a practice or a competition well in advance.
- 3) will be in school on time the day after a competition.
- 4) will do their best in all classes so as to achieve passing grades and to remain eligible to compete in UIL events.
- 5) will abide by Brackett Secondary school rules and policies.
- 6) will put in personal time at home to study, practice, and/or rehearse for competitions. 7) will use a planner, calendar, or some organizational tool in order to keep up with all in-class and extra-curricular assignments and activities.
- 8) will listen to the ideas, suggestions, instructions, and directions of their coaches. 9) will address any concerns/issues directly with your coach by setting up an appointment with your coach and following through with a respectful attitude.

Coaches:

- 1) will attend scheduled practices and competitions.
- 2) will notify students of any conflict with a practice or competition - before the scheduled event.
- 3) will supply practice tests and contest supplies, as needed.
- 4) will periodically check on the eligibility status of students in order to maintain our school's UIL eligibility and reputation for excellence.
- 5) will listen to the ideas and suggestions of students.
- 6) will address any concerns/issues directly with students by setting up an appointment with them and following through with a respectful attitude.

Contests:

1. Practice meets cost money. If you tell your coach you will attend, a fee is paid for you to attend and compete in that event (or in several events). You will need to pay if you do not compete, and some schools add on "drop" fees, which you will be required to pay back, in addition to what we have already paid for you to compete.
2. Participants are to show up on time and ride the bus to the event. However, due to the nature of the

academic meets, you do not have to stay all day. Your parent may pick you up from the event location with written notice signed by your parent and provided by you prior to boarding the bus. No student will be released to ride home with anyone other than your parent, unless previously arranged with an administrator and written notice is provided to the academic coordinator prior to the event.

3. **Conflicts in Activities:** An individual student who attempts to participate in several extra-curricular activities will undoubtedly be in a position of a conflict of obligations. We are proud of you for your interest and will support your right to be involved in numerous activities, but we encourage you to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts. As a high school student, you have the responsibility to do everything you can to avoid continuous conflicts. This would include being cautious about participating in too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means immediately notifying the academic and athletic coaches involved in order for all of you to work out a solution.

If a solution cannot be found, the principal and your coaches will make the decision based on the following:

- *the relative importance of the event (for example, a district event takes precedence over a practice meet; a bi-district event takes precedence over a district one.)
- *the importance of each event to the student
- *the relative contribution the student can make
- *how long each event has been scheduled

Once the decision has been made and the student has followed the decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by either academic or athletic coach.

TILF Scholarship:

Academic UIL students who compete in one of the Academic UIL State meet contests may apply for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarship during their Senior year. Additionally information regarding this scholarship may be obtained from the Academic UIL Coordinator.

Athletics

BISD APPROACH TO ATHLETICS

Every one of you wants to start on a team. Unfortunately, not all of you will. The coaching staff must determine who will start. Consequently, we feel it is important for you to understand how we will decide on depth charts as the athlete progresses.

The following five points will be:

1. **Knowledge of Assignments:** We cannot and will not play athletes who do not know their assignments. Your coach will spend extra time with you if you so desire. Everyone can and should know their assignments.
2. **Hustle and Effort:** Everyone will be expected to give 100% at all times. Your teammates will be giving 100% and they will expect you to do so also. Extra effort wins games. Everyone can and should give 100%.
3. **Mental Toughness:** All athletes will be challenged mentally during their season, as well as off-season. ALL athletes can improve their mental toughness. Athletics is intended to be rigorous and not to be a

glorified physical education class.

4. **Contribution to the Overall Team:** The individual who motivates their teammates to do better, is always enthusiastic and ready, will make a greater contribution than the one who does not possess this quality. The athlete who hates to lose is an invaluable player. All desire victory, yet we need those who can embrace loss as part of growth.
5. **Talent:** If the four characteristics above are equal—as they should be—then the athlete with the most talent and ability to make big plays will earn the starting position. However, talent will not enter into our evaluation until we look closely at the first four qualities. Obviously, if you are injured, it will be difficult for us to evaluate you.

We will give every athlete an opportunity to earn a position on our team. It's our desire to play as many people as possible, but obviously we cannot play everyone. The above information is provided so that you will know exactly how we will evaluate you. Our best athletes will lead us to a championship. Our main concern is to be as fair as possible with you and to be truly honest. If you do not feel that you are being treated fairly, see your coach. In the event you are still not satisfied, then come see the Head Coach. We are here for the same reasons you are:

1. **See that you get an education and a diploma**
2. **See that you mature and grow as a man or a woman**
3. **See that you have the best team possible**

Explanation of Athletics

Both parenting and coaching are extremely different vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide a greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of the child's program.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Locations and times of practices and games
3. Team requirements, e.g., practices, special equipment, out-of-season conditioning

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance

As your children become involved in the programs at BISD, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged. Examples of these situations include the treatment of your child, ways to help your child improve, concerns about your child's attitude, or academic support.

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much, when, or where you may desire. It will be the coach's discretion to make all decisions about playing time or position for individual students-athletes, regardless of the score of the game or the personal feelings of the student-athlete's parents.

Coaches are professionals. They make judgments based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things should be left to the discretion of the coach. **Examples include: Team strategy, other student-athletes, playing time, etc.**

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged. It is important the both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. **There will not be a conference regarding playing time without the student-athlete and coach present.**

When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote resolution:

1. Call the coach to set up an appointment
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic office. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

If the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution, the next step is to set up an appointment with the Athletic Director.

Since research indicates that a student involved in extracurricular activities has greater success in adulthood, the athletic programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school.

BISD ATHLETICS

According to University Interscholastic League rules, **BEING IN ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.** Only those students who abide by school and athletic policies will be allowed to represent BISD.

When young men and young women sign up for athletics and become a member of a team, they make a commitment. They are obligated to follow the rules and regulations of the program. They are not forced to participate. It is voluntary; therefore, they are expected to follow the rules of order.

Parents and Guardians should strive to help their sons or daughters to achieve success in athletics. Success is defined as participating at 100% of the individual's ability.

We can never expect to do more than they are capable of. However, we do want them to obtain their fullest potential. Supportive parents can instill this desire in student-athletes long after their playing days are over by seeing that the student is on time, attends practices and games, and follows the rules and regulations.

***Your support is appreciated, however; a ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault or be generally obnoxious. This privilege may be taken away if abused.**

Parents, please be considerate of all coaches, officials, and managers. They are giving up their own personal time to provide your child an opportunity to play.

Cheering will take the form of encouragement. No coaching or negative words aimed at any player, coach, manager, or official will be permitted.

Parents, Fans, Students, and Community Members Ejected from a Contest or Event:

Anyone that is ejected from a game or contest by the BISD administration, official, or police officer will meet with the BISD superintendent and campus administrator before attending another contest or event. It is the responsibility of the ejected individual to schedule the meeting. Coaches, sponsors, and directors involved in the contest or event, in which the ejection occurred, will be present at the meeting. Administrative concerns will be reviewed at the meeting and dismissal from future contests or events shall be an option.

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE:

The following items must be turned in to the Athletic Department before participating in any practice or game in any extracurricular athletic activity.

Physical Examination

A physical examination is required every year for all Junior High and High School Athletes (7th – 12th). The physical forms are available in the athletic office or on the UIL athletic webpage. Use only the approved UIL form to record physical examinations. Club or organization forms will not be accepted. The physical covers all sports for only a one year period.

Athletic Department Forms Packets

1. UIL Acknowledgement of Rules

2. Personal student and parent information. This packet should be filled out completely.

Acknowledgement of BISD Extracurricular Handbook

The student-athlete and the parent/guardian should sign the Handbook Acknowledgement card. It should be returned to the Athletic Department. This shows receipt of the Athletic Handbook and acknowledges that the student-athlete and parent/guardian will comply with the rules and policies contained in the Athletic Handbook.

Academic Eligibility “NO PASS, NO PLAY”

Athletic Period Scheduling

All student-athletes must be enrolled in the athletic period in order to participate in a sport and must be reflected on the student-athlete's class schedule, unless approved by the Athletic Director and Principal because of conflicting academic reasons.

Athletic Age Eligibility:

To participate in athletics, at the high school level an athlete cannot reach his 19th birthday before September 1.

To be eligible to participate in athletics on the junior high level, the following local and district rules shall be followed:

1. 8th grade- A student cannot have reached their 15th birthday before Sept. 1.
2. 7th grade- A student cannot have reached their 14th birthday before Sept. 1
3. Anyone repeating the 8th grade is not eligible to play on the 8th grade team.

Administration of the Program:

The administration of the BISD Athletic Program should provide every boy and girl the opportunity to participate in any sport. Each head coach is responsible for making sure that all students are knowledgeable of tryout procedures and individual requirements for being in all sports. No student in any grade should be deprived of the opportunity to try out to participate in any sport if he/she has met the head coach's off-season and previous participation requirements.

The general administration of the Athletic Program is the direct responsibility of the Athletic Director. This includes the arrangements of all schedules, time and place of playing games, selection of officials, and the general management of all matters pertaining to the Athletic Program. In carrying out this program, each head coach in the department shall attend to details of their respective sports.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES:

Coaches' Rules:

Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the Athletic Director for their respective sports. The rules pertaining to a particular sport must be explained, in writing, by the coach at the start of the season. The coach shall administer penalties for violation of team rules. Copies of all team rules are on the file in the Athletic Office.

Attendance:

Players will attend all meetings, study halls, and team functions. When an absence occurs, notify your Head Coach as to the reasons behind the absence. In regards to make-up policies, the athlete must meet the requirements of the Head Coach. Attendance can be a reason for removal from the Athletic Program. This is at the discretion of the Athletic Director and the Head Coach.

Missed Practices/Contests:

If an athlete is going to miss a practice, that athlete or their parent (not friend) must notify their Head Coach or Position Coach before that practice. (We want to teach accountability and responsibility to our student-athletes.)

No punishment will be given upon return to any athlete that misses practices or games due to illness or serious illness or death in the family. However, make-up workouts will be done upon return for failure to call ahead of time, missing practices for non-illness related reasons, and any other issues where the athlete did not make conscious effort to attend or to call in ahead of time.

Missing a contest for any other reason besides illness, family illness, or family death may result in suspension from the sport and from athletics in general. This will be handled case by case by the Head Coach and Athletic Director. We expect our athletes to make a commitment to their sport and not miss contests for reasons where absences can be avoided. This includes possible contests during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break holidays.

Squad Selection/Cutting:

In accordance with our philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program, we encourage coaches to keep as many students as they can without unbalancing the integrity of their sports. Choosing the members of the athletics squad is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those squads and teams. Prior to tryouts, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

- A. Extent of tryout period
- B. Criteria used to select the team
- C. Number to be selected
- D. Practice commitment if they make the team
- E. Game commitments

Injury and Illness

Athletic Injuries:

All athletes will be coached, instructed, and conditioned to compete at the peak of their abilities. Along with the competition and effort to acquire excellence is the reality of possible injury. Despite efforts made by BISD coaches and personnel to provide proper conditioning, protective equipment and safety practices, not all injuries are preventable and severe injuries can occur during athletic participation.

When an athlete is injured during an athletic event, they must inform their coach and the Athletic Trainer as soon as possible.

If the athlete goes to the Doctor or to the Hospital, they must bring back a signed note from the attending Doctor that states their injury, treatment, and length of time they will be out of athletics. If the athlete has a

note from a physician not to participate in athletics, ONLY a physician can release the athlete. Parents CANNOT overrule a physician's orders.

If you must leave school because of illness contact or come by the office, coach's office or training room. If you are ill or injured, we don't expect you to work out, but if you are at school, we expect you to wear the uniform of the day and accompany your group or team unless you are given special permission by your head coach or trainer.

Promptness

Always be on time. On trips, the bus will not wait. After the final bell rings, you do not have time to waste; go directly to your sport. Tardiness will result in disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Removal

If it becomes necessary to consider removing a student from a team or the athletic program, the coach of that team will notify the Athletic Director. The student will have an opportunity to confer with the coach and the Athletic Director. Parents will receive notification and be invited to attend the conference.

Dress and Appearance

Everyone will wear their uniform in the same manner. All players will be properly groomed and will adhere to the BISD dress code. We are not individuals; we are a team and we want to look like a team. Your appearance away from the athletic facilities, especially at school should reflect the same class and pride that you show in our program. Look sharp and give an appearance of class.

Hair: Hair must be neat and of natural color. Hair will not be distracting, or prove to be a safety hazard to the athlete. Students hairstyle will adhere to dress code standards.

Facial Hair: Male athletes will be clean-shaven at all times while on any BISD campus and at any team or school function. Sideburns shall be trimmed and not extend below the lobe of the ear. Sideburns should be the same width from top to bottom.

Earrings/Body Piercings: Earrings or body piercings are prohibited while on any BISD campus at any time for male athletes. Female athletes will not wear earrings during practice or competition. Body piercings are also prohibited while on any BISD campus at any time as well as on an athletic bus and at any team function.

Tattoos: Tattoos must be covered at all times.

Athletes are not to bring jewelry to athletics, practices, or games. Athletes are strongly discouraged from bringing cellular phones, iPods, PDA's, or other electronic gaming devices to any Athletic event. The Athletic Director or head coach of the sport is NOT responsible for any loss of personal items that may occur.

Quitting/Removal from Team/Reinstatement

Commitment is the backbone to a highly successful athletic program. As the coaching staff and administration at BISD, we encourage athletes to "finish what you started." Perseverance leads to long term success in life.

1. There is no respect involved in quitting.
2. The punishment phase and length is fairly severe.

3. Success breeds success. People want to be part of a winner.

Removal- An athlete cannot be dismissed from a team until their parents have been contacted. In addition to this, a meeting must be held with the athlete, the parents, the head coach of the sport, and the Athletic Director. This meeting must take place prior to removal from any team. Excessive absences, violation of the Athletic Department Policy, continuous academic ineligibility, and flagrant violations to the BISD Student Code of Conduct may result in removal from a team.

Reinstatement- No athletic participant or reinstatement will occur until a reinstatement meeting is held. Once removed from the team and the athlete wishes to return, a reinstatement meeting involving the following: the Head Coach, the Athletic Director, the athlete, and their parents can occur. During this meeting parameters for reinstatement will be discussed. To regain full reinstatement the athlete must meet all of the parameters discussed.

Quitting- Upon deciding to quit, any athlete will be given a 48 hour grace period, or cooling off period. At that time (or before then), the athlete will make a rational decision as to whether he/she still wants to quit. If still wishing to quit, the athlete must completely fill out a BISD Athletic Quit Form, have it signed by their parent(s) and themselves, and then hand it back to their head coach or athletic coordinator. Once the paperwork is turned in and signed by all parties, the athlete is not eligible for sport-specific practices for 60 school days. Failure to fill out a quit form properly will forfeit the athlete from participating in sports in the future.

A “QUIT” is also considered if an athlete misses 3 consecutive after-school practices or a game without prior approval of the coach.

Compromise “Quit” Rule- If there is a compromise between coach and athlete on good terms about the leaving the team or sport, the 60-Day rule can be waived with approval from the Athletic Director. (This usually occurs only when both parties feel it is best for the overall team not to play any longer because of unusual circumstances.)

Multi-Sport Athletes/Simultaneous Participation in Sports

All student-athletes will be allowed and encouraged to participate in as many sports as possible. The BISD Athletic Department will always encourage athletes to compete in multiple sports. THIS MAKES OUR OVERALL PROGRAM STRONGER. Coaches will not discourage any athlete from competing in multiple sports, especially during the same seasons. Coaches at BISD will work closely with one another to ensure harmony and sharing of athletes amongst the staff. Coaches will work together in scheduling practices to ensure a minimal amount of multiple sport conflicts. It is highly recommended that parents be flexible when letting their children play multiple sports, yet be realistic about spreading their children too thin at one time.

The following procedures have been established:

1. Competitions take priority over practice
2. The higher-level activity has top priority (i.e. Varsity over JV)
3. District and playoff competitions take priority over normal contests
4. If the activities are roughly equal, the adult coaches/sponsors will meet face to face to attempt to reach a conclusion in the best interest of the student-athlete and school.

Once the decision has been made and the student has followed the decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by either coach or sponsor.

Club Sports/Non-School Participation

A club is a sport program outside of the school that is not affiliated with U.I.L. Athletics. We are very fortunate to live in a community where the High School can be the main focus. We feel our athletes' obligations are to their school team first.

We will not excuse our athletes to miss a school contest, athletic event, or practice for a club event. If an athlete pursues club participation he/she must:

1. Contact all head coaches of sports at school in which he/she is participating in.
2. Be willing to assume the consequences related to their status in the squad as a starter, 2nd string, or even dismissal, for the time participating in club activities with approval of all head coaches involved at the school.

Care of Equipment & Facilities

Only athletes are allowed in the dressing room areas and restrooms. Take care of your equipment. Do not alter issued equipment. You are responsible for returning all equipment issued to you. You will be charged for all equipment not returned.

Take care of your facilities. Keep your locker room and locker clean. It is each athlete's responsibility to secure your belongings in your locker. Make sure your locker is closed and locked at all times. Do not put your hands and feet on the walls. Cleats are not permitted in any indoor athletic facility. On rainy days, shoes should be taken off before entering any indoor athletic facility.

Parent Conferences

BISD will adhere to the UIL recommended protocol for parent-coach conferences. The procedure for parent-coach meeting is as follows:

1. The parent will call or email their child's coach to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the high school office and ask for a meeting date with the coach.
3. The parent will have a clear objective for what they expect to accomplish as a result of the meeting. This objective needs to be stated clearly and understood by the coach at the beginning of the meeting.
4. The parent will discuss only the facts, as they are understood by the parent.
5. The parent will not confront the coach before, during, or after a practice or contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution of the situation, but often escalate it.

If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution a parent should:

1. Contact the Athletic Director to set up a meeting with the Athletic Director, coach, and parent present.
2. At this meeting, an appropriate next step will be determined, if necessary.

The following issues are NOT appropriate for discussion with your child's coach:

1. How much playing time each athlete will be allowed.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Any situation that deals with other student-athletes.

Disqualification of Athletes

Any athlete ejected from any contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant violations of the contest rules is subject to the following discipline.

First Offense- Suspended for the 1st half of the next contest.

Second Offense- Suspended for 1 game or contest. A parent conference will take place with following: head coach, athlete, and parent/guardian.

Third Offense- Suspended from competition for the remainder of that season and a parent conference will take place with the following: head coach, Athletic Director, athlete, and parent/guardian.

BAND/Color Guard:

FORMS

All students must complete and return the following forms prior to the first performance. No one will travel or perform with the band without these forms on file.

- Medical Release
- Travel Form
- UIL Acknowledgement Form
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest form

EXPECTATIONS OF BAND MEMBER

This section contains a list of rules and guidelines that we will follow in our pursuit of excellence this year. Please note that ALL Brackett High School Handbook guidelines apply. This section underscores and makes additions to established guidelines that are specifically for band.

Attitude

- 1) The desire to work together as a group.
- 2) Always want the performance (including rehearsal) to improve.
- 3) Be open minded to constructive criticism.
- 4) Be considerate of others.
- 5) Practice persistence. Don't practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong.
- 6) Have a sense of pride in being a member of the Brackett Tiger Band. Responsibility Being a part of a large organization, such as the Tiger Band, requires a great deal of individual responsibility in order for the

group to be successful. Each student will be responsible of taking care of his/her equipment and uniform. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that he/she is abiding by all rules and regulations of this band in order to make our program as productive as possible. It is also the responsibility of each student to maintain their grades in ALL classes. Academic achievement is the primary goal of a public school education.

ATTENDANCE

All students enrolled in band are required to attend all rehearsals and performances unless previous arrangements have been made with the band directors. This includes, but is not limited to, all of summer band, Monday night rehearsals, before school rehearsals, pep rallies, and all events for which the band is performing. Work schedules should be adjusted ahead of time. Any employer of high school students understands that there are school responsibilities that must be accommodated. Be honest with your employer about your school responsibilities in the beginning and they are more likely to help you when you need them. Our schedule is established enough in advance for arrangements to be made. Please respect our time

together. We try to keep practice times down to a minimum for everyone's convenience, therefore, each minute we have together is crucial for our development.

Discipline

For the Brackett Band to be productive, all members should practice discipline in rehearsal /performance, and everyday living. Remember, you are a representative of an entire community, even more so when you put on a uniform. The following list is a code of conduct that we will use in our relations with each other and with the public at large.

1. Be courteous.
2. Be respectful to fellow band members, visiting bands, directors, the Band Boosters, all teachers, and the general public.
3. When in a restaurant, be on your best behavior. Please use inside voices, eat quickly, clean up the area, and dispose of trash properly before you leave. A good rule of thumb is to leave the area better than when you arrive.
4. During rehearsal, you are not to talk or be disruptive. You are expected to pay attention at all times. Do not bring any material that does not pertain to the band into rehearsal.
5. Show pride in being a member of the Industrial Band. This includes wearing the uniform correctly at all times. (See the section on uniform for details).
6. Follow the rules and set a good example for your fellow band members.
7. Remember that when we are in the stands at football games we are still performing. In order to maintain a performance mindset the following rules apply:
 - a. No food or drink in the stands (including gum).
 - b. Stay in your assigned seat.
 - c. Have your instrument and music ready to perform at any time.
 - d. Don't abuse the restroom privilege (check in and out with a band director).
 - e. Unsportsmanlike comments or conduct will not be tolerated at any time.
 - f. Don't stand on the seats (people behind you will not be able to see).
 - g. No playing instruments unless instructed to do so.
 - h. No cell phone/personal communicative devices as per Brackett High School policy. Unless allowed by the director

- i. No unauthorized visitors in the band set.
- j. DO have fun and cheer for the team.

ELIGIBILITY

The band program abides by and supports the UIL/TEA No Pass No Play rules. If a student does not maintain passing grades then they cannot fully participate in the band program. Early Morning Rehearsals, Participation, Skills, Fundamentals

MARCHING BAND

The Marching Band is the largest and most visible of the performing ensembles at Brackett. Performance requirements during marching season are the most strenuous for the entire year. We march each Friday night of the football season and any playoff games that ensue. We also attend invitational marching contests, UIL Region Marching contest (Area Marching and State Marching Contest depending on qualification). Marching rehearsals will be on Monday nights from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Individual Opportunities

The students are offered experiences each year that are designed to enhance their musical education outside of the school day. These opportunities are optional but strongly encouraged. The band will pay for all entry fees for interested students as long as the school budget allows. In the event a student becomes ineligible or decides not to attend, entry fees paid for that student will have to be paid back to the band. These opportunities include:

1. ATSSB Region 13 auditions
2. ATSSB Area auditions (must advance from region)
3. UIL Region Solo and Ensemble competition
4. UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition (must advance from region)

Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team

Brackett ISD Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team activities will comply with UIL regulations and shall be in accordance with safety standards as prescribed by BISD and the director/coach/sponsor.

PURPOSE

Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team members represent Brackett ISD and are expected to conduct themselves in a way that brings honor to the school. Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team shall promote and uphold school spirit, develop a sense of good sportsmanship among students and adults and strive to uphold the highest personal, as well as performance standards both at school and at athletic, band and all competitions and camp events.

Required fees/fundraising/camp/UIL competitions

Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team members are required to purchase personal equipment and uniforms such as shoes, equipment bags, batons, practice flags & poles, etc. These items belong to the member and it is the member's responsibility to manage, maintain and keep track of them. If lost, stolen or damaged, it is the member's responsibility to replace or repair them in order to perform. In the event that items are purchased by BISD, the item is on loan and is the responsibility of the member to maintain and take care of the item. If an item loaned to a member is lost, stolen or damaged/destroyed, it is the responsibility of the member to repair or replace the item at their cost and it becomes the property of BISD. Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team camp attendance is mandatory for all high school members and is optional for BJH members. Camp fees, camp outfits, additional expenses are the responsibility of the member and must be paid in advance (before June). Fundraising money raised as a team will be divided among the team members that participated and will be applied to camp fees or other expenses as determined. In the event that a member doesn't fully attend camp and the fees were paid by the school or team funds, the offending member will be required to repay the money as a no

show penalty and will incur demerits. *

Competition Fees: In the event that BISD pays the registration fees for solo & ensemble (Regional &

State) and the member drops out, is ineligible or otherwise does not attend, they will be required to repay the total amount of fees to BISD. *

*Excused absences will be: 1) death in the family, 2) hospitalization or illness.

In the event of hospitalization or illness, the member must bring a release from the doctor to the sponsor. This will let the sponsor know the student has been released and if there are any limitations to activities.

Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team DEMERIT GUIDELINES

The following rules apply to all Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team. Demerits will be given if violation of any rule occurs, including but not limited to the BISD Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team Demerit Guidelines and the Student Code of Conduct and/or Student Handbook. 1. Demerit Notice Records will be kept on file with the sponsor/directors.

2. The Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team member and sponsor will sign a Demerit Notice of the violation.

3. A Demerit Notice will be sent home to be signed by the parent/guardian.

4. A summary sheet of accumulated demerits will be sent home to the parents/guardians if demerits are being accumulated quickly, or if the Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team is in danger of being dismissed from the program.

5. Any summary sheet will be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the sponsor. 6.

Refusal or failure to acknowledge the demerit notice with a signature by the Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team member and/or parent/guardian does not mean that the demerit(s) do not exist.

GENERAL

7 DEMERITS

1. Missing a game (including playoff games), camp (per day), practice, pep-rally, or meeting you are expected to attend. The Color Guard/Twirler/Band Auxiliary/Drill Team member must personally let the sponsor know if you will be late or will miss an event. Excused absences will be: 1) death in the family, 2) hospitalization or illness.

In the event of hospitalization or illness, the member must bring a release from the doctor to the sponsor. This will let the sponsor know the student has been released and if there are any limitations to activities.

2. Failure to participate in group activities such as fundraising, practice, etc. You must personally let the sponsor know you will not be able to participate in the event prior to the date of the event. Telling another member or anyone other than the sponsor does not comply with the rules. Excused absences would include 1) death in the family, 2) hospitalization or illness.

In the event of hospitalization or illness, the member must bring a release from the doctor to the sponsor. This will let the sponsor know the student has been released and if there are any limitations to activities.

3. Any member missing more than one practice prior to a pep rally will not perform at the pep rally. The member may receive demerits for missing practice and an additional five (5) demerits for not performing at the pep rally. Any member missing practice the day prior to a pep rally will not perform

at the upcoming pep rally and may receive five (5) demerits for not performing at the pep rally. *Any member that doesn't know a routine for pep rally, sideline or halftime will be sat out at the director's discretion as to not create a detriment to the performance of the auxiliary and band.

4. Social media such as... Facebook, Instagram, snap chat etc. appearing on the internet is public domain even if it is marked private. Members will uphold good character at all times including action on personal websites and postings as well as posting on other students' websites. Any question of appropriateness that is unfavorable or illegal will be decided by the principal and sponsor. The principal will investigate the allegations or incidents that involve media and inappropriate involvement in these areas.

5. Incriminating photos, videos or statements depicting any of the following will result in disciplinary action, up to and possibly including removal: 1) violence; 2) hazing; 3) prohibited harassment (based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender); 4) lewdness including full or partial nudity; 5) inappropriate or profane gestures; 6) vandalism; 7) stalking; 8) selling, possessing, or use of alcohol; 9) selling, possessing, or using a controlled substance; 10) possessing or using a vaping device or cartridges; 11) or any other criminal act or act punishable by law.

6. Furthermore, members may not engage in association such as retweeting, subtweeting, favoriting, liking, reposting, etc. of materials involving obscene materials, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, hazing, harassment targeting other students of staff members based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender, including gender identification or sexual preference.

7. Accumulating more than 8 excused, unexcused or tardy(s) (combined) during a six week(s) grading period.

5 DEMERITS

1. No public display of affection. Friends are not allowed at practice. Friends who attend games may visit with members prior to the game or after the game. If a member is late or neglectful of duties and responsibilities, demerits will be issued.

2. Being late to a game, practice, pep-rally, or meeting that you are expected to attend. You must let the sponsor know prior to the event you will be late. The only acceptable excuse for being late is if you have a doctor's appointment. A release from the doctor will be required so the sponsor will know there are no limitations of activities.

3. Leaving a designated area (field, stands, practice, etc.) without permission.

4. Misbehavior in class, disrespect toward a teacher, administrators, team member, community members, or consistent tardiness to class resulting in Saturday school.

5. Uniforms/outfits must be neat and clean at all times. All members will wear the proper uniform/outfit on game days, trips, camps, and designated events. These uniforms (hair style, bow, uniform, socks, shoes) include, but are not limited to uniform worn:

- during school (or at a pep rally)
- during travel or during the game or event

6. Non-cooperation or fighting among members will not be tolerated. This rule includes, but is not limited to verbal abuse of other members (degrading, making fun of, bickering, etc.). 7. If a fight breaks out between members, or if a member is fighting with another student, suspension from the squad for a period of one week will occur with possible grounds for immediate dismissal from the squad.

1. Use of profanity will not be tolerated.

2. Failure to promote and uphold positive, encouraging attitudes during auxiliary activities. 10. Not

participating at games, practice, decorating, fund raising, and meetings will result in demerits. 11. If a member receives detention, Saturday school 5 demerits will be issued

1. Violation of Student Code of Conduct and/or Student Handbook.
2. Violation of Dress Code.
3. Any member not successfully meeting UIL NO PASS NO PLAY GRADE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS will receive 5 demerits for the ineligible period. Practice attendance will be mandatory during the ineligible game period.

3 DEMERITS

1. No jewelry will be worn during practice, games, or pep-rallies. This is for the protection of all members. Exception: team jewelry as part of the uniform.
 2. No gum chewing at practice, games, pep-rallies.
 3. Members are responsible for bringing all items necessary to practice. This includes: batons, flags, rifle/saber. Mini poms, pep rally and jazz performance shoes, and proper workout clothes.
- FOOTBALL

5 DEMERITS

1. During pre-game activities, auxiliary members will stand at attention while school songs, prayer, and national anthem are being performed. DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
 2. Auxiliary members will have a break after half-time. Members may leave the at the beginning of 3 rd quarter only if dismissed and will be back in the designated area of the bleachers ready to perform approximately two (2) minutes before the end of the 3 rd quarter.
 3. Auxiliary members may not leave designated areas, hang out with non-members during the game (non-members are not allowed to sit in the designated areas)
- ONLY AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SIDELINES/FIELD.

4. Auxiliary members are assigned duties. These duties include, but are not limited to weekly pep-rallies and loading/unloading responsibilities throughout the season. Members not sharing in assigned duties will receive demerits for non-participation and non-cooperation.

Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team members are not only a representative of Brackett ISD outside the community, but you are also expected to be an example to other students in and out of class by showing respect to teachers, not misbehaving in class, not being tardy, completing homework assignments, showing respect to other students, etc. When traveling as a squad, all travel uniforms will meet the Brackett Dress Code located in the Student Handbook.

Because participation in Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team is a privilege and not a right, Brackett ISD is authorized to set higher standards for Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team participants. Actions performed by a member which violate any of the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, or Technology Handbook Rules, will result in demerits and/or may result in immediate dismissal from the squad. The number of demerits given will be made by both the principal and sponsor and will override the demerit system or any demerits accumulated by the squad member at the time of violation.

Twenty accumulated demerits will result in a member being removed from all activities for one week.

A Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team member WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CHEER SQUAD UPON ACCUMULATION OF THIRTY (30) DEMERITS.

LETTER JACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. High School Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team member becomes eligible for a Letter Jacket when they have completed their third year of Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team service. (May be combined with band)
2. If a Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team member makes a rating of ONE at UIL Regional Solo & Ensemble on a class one performance and advances to State they will immediately qualify.
3. Color Guard/Twirlers/Auxiliary/Drill Team must be in good standing with the current squad, and must not have been removed from the squad due to discipline or demerit reasons during the years of service.

CHEER:

Brackett ISD Cheerleader/Spotter/Mascot

Cheerleader/Spotter/Mascot activities will comply with UIL regulations and shall be in accordance with safety standards as prescribed by the National Federation High School Spirit Handbook.

PURPOSE

Cheerleaders/Spotters/Mascots represent Brackett ISD. The cheer squads are expected to conduct themselves in a way that brings honor to the school. Cheerleaders/Spotters/Mascots shall promote and uphold school spirit, develop a sense of good sportsmanship among students and adults and strive to uphold the highest personal, as well as cheerleading standards both at school and at athletic events.

CHEERLEADER/MASCOT DEMERIT GUIDELINES

The following rules apply to all cheerleaders and the mascot. Demerits will be given if violation of any rule occurs, including but not limited to the **BISD Cheerleader/Mascot Demerit Guidelines and the Student Code of Conduct and/or Student Handbook**.

1. Demerit Notice Records will be kept on file with the sponsors.
2. The cheerleader/mascot and sponsor will sign a Demerit Notice of the violation.
3. A Demerit Notice will be sent home to be signed by the parent/guardian.
4. A summary sheet of accumulated demerits will be sent home to the parents/guardians if demerits are being accumulated quickly, or if the cheerleader/mascot is in danger of being dismissed from the squad.
5. Any summary sheet will be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the sponsor.
6. Refusal or failure to acknowledge the demerit notice with a signature by the cheerleader and/or parent/guardian does not mean that the demerit(s) do not exist.

GENERAL

7 DEMERITS

1. Missing a game (including playoff games), practice, pep-rally, or meeting you are expected to attend. **The cheerleader/mascot must personally let the sponsor know if you will be late or will miss an event.** Excused absences will be: 1) death in the family, 2) hospitalization or illness.

In the event of hospitalization or illness, the cheerleader/mascot must bring a release from the doctor to the sponsor. This will let the sponsor know the student has been released and if there are any limitations to activities.

2. Failure to participate in group activities such as fundraising, decorating, or practice. **You must personally let the sponsor know you will not be able to participate in the event prior to the date of the event.** Excused absences would include 1) death in the family, 2) hospitalization or illness.

In the event of hospitalization or illness, the cheerleader/mascot must bring a release from the doctor to the sponsor. This will let the sponsor know the student has been released and if there are any limitations to activities.

3. Any squad member missing more than one practice prior to a pep rally will not perform at the pep rally. The cheerleader may receive demerits for missing practice and an additional five (5) demerits for not performing at the pep rally. Any squad member missing practice the day prior to a pep rally will not perform at the upcoming pep rally and may receive five (5) demerits for not performing at the pep rally.
4. Social media such as... Facebook, Instagram, snap chat etc. appearing on the internet is public domain even if it is marked private. Cheerleaders will uphold good character at all times including action on personal websites and postings as well as posting on other students' websites. Any question of appropriateness that is unfavorable or illegal will be decided by the principal and sponsor. The principal will investigate the allegations or incidents that involve media and inappropriate involvement in these areas.
5. Incriminating photos, videos or statements depicting any of the following will result in disciplinary action, up to and possibly including removal from the squad: 1) violence; 2) hazing; 3) prohibited harassment (based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender); 4) lewdness including full or partial nudity; 5) inappropriate or profane gestures; 6) vandalism; 7) stalking; 8) selling, possessing, or use of alcohol; 9) selling, possessing, or using a controlled substance; 10) or any other criminal act or act punishable by law.
6. Furthermore, squad members may not engage in association such as retweeting, subtweeting, favoriting, liking, reposting, etc. of materials involving materials, obscene materials, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, hazing, harassment targeting other students of staff members based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender, including gender identification or sexual preference.
7. Accumulating more than 8 excused, unexcused or tardy(s) (combined) during a six week(s) grading period.

5 DEMERITS

1. No public display of affection. Friends are not allowed at practice. Friends who attend games may visit with squad members prior to the game, during half time, or after the game. If a squad member is late or neglectful of duties and responsibilities, demerits will be issued.
2. Being late to a game, practice, pep-rally, or meeting that you are expected to attend. **You must let the sponsor know prior to the event you will be late.** The only acceptable excuse for being late is if you have a doctor's appointment. A release from the doctor will be required so the sponsor will know there are no limitations of activities.
3. Leaving a designated area (field, practice, etc.) without permission.
4. Misbehavior in class, disrespect toward a teacher, administrators, cheerleaders/mascot, community members, or consistent tardiness to class resulting in Saturday school.
5. Uniforms must be neat and clean at all times. All squad members will wear the proper uniform on game days. These uniforms (hair style, bow, uniform, socks, shoes) include, but are not limited to uniform worn: ●
during school (or at a pep rally)
 - during travel
 - during the game or event
6. Non-cooperation or fighting among squad members will not be tolerated. This rule includes, but is not limited to verbal abuse of other squad members (degrading, making fun of, bickering, etc.).
7. If a fight breaks out between squad members, or if a squad member is fighting with another student, suspension from the squad for a period of one week will occur with possible grounds for immediate dismissal from the squad.
8. Use of profanity will not be tolerated.
9. Failure to promote and uphold positive, encouraging attitudes during cheerleading activities.
10. Not participating at games, practice, decorating, fund raising, and meetings will result in demerits.

1. If a squad member receives detention, Saturday school 5 demerits will be issued
2. Violation of Student Code of Conduct and/or Student Handbook.
3. Violation of Dress Code.
4. Any squad member not successfully meeting UIL NO PASS NO PLAY GRADE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS will receive 5 demerits for the ineligible period. Practice attendance will be mandatory during the ineligible game period.

3 DEMERITS

1. No jewelry will be worn during practice, games, or pep-rallies. This is for the protection of all squad members.
2. No gum chewing at practice, games, pep-rallies.
3. Cheerleaders are responsible for bringing all items necessary to practice. This includes: pom poms, cheerleader shoes, and proper workout clothes.

FOOTBALL

5 DEMERITS

1. During pre-game activities, cheerleaders and the mascot will stand at attention while school songs, prayer, and national anthem are being performed. **DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
2. Squad members will have a break at half-time. Squad members may leave the sidelines at the end of the second quarter and will be back in front of the bleachers or forming a victory line approximately three (3) minutes before the beginning of the second half. The mascot will be in uniform and ready for the game no less than twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the game or event. The mascot will remain in uniform, with the exception of removing the head and hands during half-time or to get a drink or ice until the end of the game or event.
3. Squad members may not stand around under the bleachers during half-time. You may sit in the stands with family or friends, or return to the front of the bleachers during half-time activities. **ONLY SQUAD MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SIDELINES/FIELD.**
4. Cheerleaders are assigned duties prior to the first football game. These duties include, but are not limited to weekly pep-rallies and loading/unloading van responsibilities throughout the ten week season. Cheerleaders not sharing in assigned duties will receive demerits for non-participation and non-cooperation among squad members.

BASKETBALL

1. Squad members will be allowed breaks before the varsity girl's game, during half-time of the girl's game (after performance), before the varsity boy's game, and during half-time of the boy's game, (after performance). After each break, squad members will return to the bleachers just prior to the beginning of play. All squad members will remain on the floor or in the bleachers during playtime.
2. Squad members who are playing in JV or Varsity games will return to the gym and cheer squad by the end of the first quarter of the following game. (i.e., if you are playing JV basketball, you must be in uniform and in the stands with the rest of the cheer squad by the end of the first quarter of play of the varsity girl's game.)

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Because participation in cheerleading or mascot is a privilege and not a right, Brackett ISD is authorized to set higher standards for cheerleader/mascot participants.

Actions performed by a squad member which violate any of the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, or Technology Handbook Rules, will result in demerits and/or may result in immediate dismissal from the squad. The number of demerits given will be made by both the principal and cheer coach/sponsor and will override the demerit system or any demerits accumulated by the squad member at the time of violation.

Twenty accumulated demerits will result in a squad member being removed from all activities for one week.

A CHEERLEADER/MASCOT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CHEER SQUAD UPON ACCUMULATION OF THIRTY (30) DEMERITS.

LETTER JACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. High School Cheerleaders/Mascot(s) become eligible for a Letter Jacket when they have completed their first year of cheerleader service.
2. One year of service includes the current year football, UIL cheer competition (unless not attended by squad), and basketball season.
3. Cheerleaders must be in good standing with the current squad, and must not have been removed from the squad due to discipline or demerit reasons during the year of service.

NHS (National Honor Society):

PARTICIPATION & OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

A group is most successful when everyone participates in all meetings and activities. In order to make sure all members meet their obligations, we will use a demerit system. If a member accumulates 8 (eight) participation demerits, the member will be referred to the BHS NHS Faculty Council. The Faculty Council will determine disciplinary action (Bylaws Article IV, Section 3).

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Unexcused meeting/activity absence 3 points

Unexcused meeting/activity tardy 2 points

Failure to dress as instructed 2 points

Brackett High School National Honor Society Acceptable Community Service (revised 2019)

- Community service..... “is considered to be actions undertaken by the student, which are done with or on behalf of others, without financial or material compensation” (National Honor Society handbook)
- takes place outside of the regular school day.
- is not time spent on activities outside the regular school, that are generally expected of all members of a class or organization, or for raising funds for the benefit of a class organization. (for example: working in a football concession stand, decorating a homecoming float, etc.)
- is done for some type of non-profit organization or governing body. These include, but are not limited to, our school district, churches, 4-H club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, City of Brackettville or Spofford, Kinney County etc... An adult supervisor for the organization must provide a signature verifying the service, and contact information, “Work done for a church must be clearly defined as an act of service not an act of worship.”
- can be performed in other communities, but at least 5 hours must benefit our local community.

These 5 hours should be done through the Kinney County Library, the Hope Center, CHEER, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Fort Clark Springs Community Council, the Kinney County Arts Council, or Kinney County 4H.

- If done for an individual, it should be under the supervision of a non-profit's adult leader (example: mowing an elderly person's yare under the supervision of your church youth leader or city maintenance personnel etc..) The supervisor does not need to be present for the community service, but must have knowledge of it ahead of time, and be willing to verify the service.

If you are not sure if something is community service, check with your NHS advisor ahead of time.

Required Hours:

Current Members - 15 hours minimum from at least 3 different sources, 5 hours from designated local organizations.

New Members - 10 hours minimum from at least 2 different sources, 5 hours from designated local organizations.

Brackett High School National Honor Society By-Laws

Revised: October 2014

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1--The name of this chapter shall be the Brackett High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2--The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the students of Brackett High School.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1--Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs. Section 2--Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 3--Eligibility a. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of at least one semester at Brackett High School. c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 90, as determined by the GPA committee. Beginning with students entering high school in the year 2015-2016, the minimum GPA requirement shall become 92. d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall

then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1--The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, nonvoting, ex officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2--Prior to selection, the following shall occur: a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility. b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the community service and leadership forms to the faculty adviser. In order to be considered for selection by the Faculty Council, forms must be submitted by the specified deadline. c. The principal will complete a form detailing discipline referrals for candidates for use by the Faculty Council in evaluating character. d. The Faculty Council shall review the community service, leadership, and discipline information forms in order to determine membership eligibility for all candidates. Section 3--The selection of new active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 4--Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5--Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6--An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and signed by the principal or chapter adviser. Section 7--An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his or her membership.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1--Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the Brackett High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2--If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3--If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4--Violation of the law or school regulations can result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal of a member.

Section 5--Offenders of the school conduct code will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council, student, or parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal. Section 6--In all cases of pending dismissal: a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser or Faculty Council. The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below). b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member. c. The results of the Faculty Council

vote will be reviewed by the principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser. d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards through the school district discipline policy. e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7--In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1--The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2--Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

Section 3--A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4--It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter and work with the advisor in all chapter activities.

Section 5--The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to chapter activities, along with other duties as assigned by the advisor.

Section 6--The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence, along with other duties assigned by the advisor.

Section 7--The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses and income, and all other financial transactions of the chapter, along with other duties as assigned by the advisor.

Section 8 – Should any officer not satisfy the duties of their office, to the satisfaction of the chapter advisor, he or she may be removed from the office.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1--The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisor and the chapter officers.

Section 2--The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1--Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly, unless announced otherwise. Section 2--This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. Section 3--All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings. Members not in attendance must be excused by the advisor and supply documentation requested.

ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1--The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each school year. Section 2--All members shall regularly participate in these projects. Members not participating must be excused by the advisor and supply documentation requested.

Section 3--These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the advisor; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well-planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4--The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE IX: EMBLEM

Section 1--Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2--Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 3--Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor stoles at graduation.

ARTICLE X: POWERS

Section 1--The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 2--The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3--These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the national constitution in all activities it undertakes.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1--These Bylaws must be approved by the Faculty Council, with the approval of the principal.

Section 2 -- These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Faculty Council, with the approval of the principal.

Section 3-- The amendment change will rewrite that section of the Article of the Bylaws and the ratification date will be revised.

Section 4--Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.

OAP:

The UIL One Act Play is an extracurricular event that is open to anyone who attends Brackettville High School. A contest is held every spring against other schools in the District. The top 3 schools then advance to Bi-District and top 3 again to Area, Regional and 2 schools to State.

Students must be passing all subjects to audition and maintain that passing status to perform. Once a student is cast as either an actor (male or female) or a backstage tech these will apply. Cast and crew must attend all rehearsals. Not all rehearsals will be right after school. A student must continue to perform at the best of their abilities. It is the Director or Assistant Director's right to recast a character or Tech if that student is not taking direction or not doing their job.

Students are also responsible for maintaining the stage and classroom work spaces. Putting their costumes back in place, Cleaning and organizing the acting areas and storage areas. Students are expected to be on their best behavior when they ride the bus and go to other schools to compete.

Extracurricular FORMS:

Athletic, Band, OAP, Cheer, NHS, FFA, and UIL forms will be printed off for students/parents to sign and return.

Attached you will find an acknowledgement form for this Extracurricular Handbook that is the only form from this packet to separate and return to your coach/sponsor prior to participation.

BRACKETT ISD ATHLETIC QUIT FORM

I, _____, have decided, after careful consideration to my coaches and

(print name)

teammates to quit _____. I have been given a 2-Day (48 hour) period to fully

(list sport)

evaluate my decision. I feel that is the best decision for me and my teammates. I understand that I cannot

participate in practices or contests in any sport for 60 school days. I understand that by quitting again, I

will most likely forfeit any future participation in BISD athletics after a 60-Day school window and return date has been established.

Athlete Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Head Coach Signature: _____

Athletic Director Signature: _____

Signed and Dated: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BRACKETT ISD POLICY

This page is to be removed from the Extracurricular Handbook, signed by both the parent and student. Once complete, the form should be returned to the Sponsor/Coach. This must be done prior to any competition in the 2025-2026 School Year.

I have received and read the 2025-2026 Brackett ISD Extracurricular Handbook. I understand and agree that in order to participate in extracurricular activities at BISD, I must comply with the policies stated in the handbook. By signing this acknowledgment form, I am also consenting to being randomly drug tested. Failure to consent will forfeit my right to participate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student- Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of conflict between the Sponsor's/Coach's Department Manual and Board Policy or the Student Code of Conduct, the Student Code of Conduct will prevail.

No student shall be denied the right to participate in any school program because of the student's race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. "No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance." Under section 504, complaints must be handled through established channels and procedures beginning with the building principal, followed by appeal to the 504 District Coordinator, the Superintendent or his/her designee, and finally the Board of Trustees.

General Information: PLEASE PRINT

Student Name- _____

Parent Name- _____

Address- _____

City- _____

Home Phone- _____

Cell Phone- _____

Email Address- _____