



**Maypearl ISD**  
**Athletic Code of**  
**Conduct**

## 1 Extracurricular Activities

Any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, or organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district. Including any University Interscholastic League (UIL) with Maypearl Independent School District (ISD), or campus-sponsored or related public performances, events, contests, demonstrations, displays, club activities, athletics, whether on-or-off campus.

A student who participates in one or more athletic activity is subject to the Athletic Code of Student Conduct (ACSC). Students are subject to the ACSC from the time he/she is selected for, elected to, or otherwise joins any athletic activity and continues to be subject to the ACSC from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in athletic activities. The privilege of representing Maypearl ISD carries with it a great responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, serving as a role model for all students. Consequently, student-athlete participants are required to comply with the ACSC at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on and off-campus conduct as well as evenings, weekends, holidays, and summer vacation.

## 2 The following items must be turned in to the Athletic Department prior to participation in any practice or game for an extracurricular athletic activity.

### 2.1 Physical Examination

A current physical examination is required every year for all students. The physical form is available from the athletic department. **Use only the approved UIL form to record physical examinations. Club or organization forms will not be accepted.** The physical covers all sports for a one-year period. The Athletic Director will schedule a group physical during May or later if needed of the preceding school year for all junior high and high school athletes.

### 2.2 Athletic Department Forms Packet

- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Concussions Acknowledgment
- Acknowledgment of Rules
- Steroid Agreement

### 2.3 Acknowledgement of Maypearl ISD Student/Parent Athletic Code of Student Conduct

## 3 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:

- Beginning the ninth-grade year must have been promoted from the eighth to the ninth.
- Beginning the tenth-grade year must have at least 5 credits towards graduation.
- Beginning the eleventh-grade year must have at least 10 credits toward graduation or during the preceding 12 months, he/she must have earned 5 credits.
- Beginning the twelfth-grade year must have 15 credits toward graduation or during the preceding 12 months, he/she must have earned 5 credits.

A student-athlete participating in UIL activities will be suspended from participation in games after a grading period in which the student-athlete received a grade lower than a 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class (other than an identified honors or advanced class). This suspension continues for three weeks. The grades will be reviewed at the end of each three-week period; the suspension will be removed if the student-athlete is passing all classes with a grade equal to or greater than 70.

All student-athletes are eligible if they meet UIL requirements for eligibility. To remain eligible, a student-athlete must be passing all classes and have acceptable conduct as outlined in the Athletic Code of Student Conduct. If the student-athlete fails consecutive six (6) weeks he/she will be subject of removal from athletics. If a student-athlete fails to meet academic standards the 1<sup>st</sup> three (3) six (6) weeks he/she will be removed from athletics after the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. The student may return to athletics the following year pending if they pass ALL their classes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to prove to the athletic department that they are committed to their education and their teammates.

#### **4 Athletic Participation**

The overall goal of the Maypearl ISD Athletic Department is to develop young men/women as students and athletes. Being a program that is **COMPETITIVE, DISCIPLINED AND SUCCESSFUL** both in and out of the classroom and be recognized in the state as an athletic program on the rise. To achieve so, specific standards set below must be followed.

All student-athletes will be expected to participate in a minimum of **2 sports** at Maypearl ISD during one calendar school year. We encourage that all student-athletes participate in multiple sports to create a competitive spirit and build an exceptional athletic program. We feel that participation in a multitude of sports develops well-rounded student-athletes, enhancing character, commitment, and discipline. By being a multi-sport student-athlete, it's been shown that students are more inclined to stay engaged in their academia, enhancing their collegiate applications. Athletically, participation in multiple sports can boost student-athletes' development physically and promote a student-athlete to collegiate programs.

Becoming a successful well-rounded athletic department, as a small school in the state of Texas, will require involvement and dedication in multiple sports by student-athletes.

During the spring semester it is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED AND RECOMMENDED** that student-athletes participate in Track and Powerlifting. Track and Powerlifting create a dynamic, strong, conditioned, competitive athlete. They will be **ENCOURAGED** to be at track practice or powerlifting each day after school. We also **ENCOURAGE** that they participate in the meets with these 2 sports. If the student-athlete has already participated in 2 sports prior to track or powerlifting, he/she does not have to participate in the meets but will still be **ENCOURAGED AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to attend the practices so that each student-athlete is appropriately trained.

## **5 Team Selection**

The hardest decision a coach, at any level, has to make is selecting the team. Making cuts is not easy, nor is it fun. This decision can impact a student for life. The following are suggestions to assist in the task of selecting the team.

All information regarding team selection will be posted in locker rooms, on social media (Maypearl ISD Facebook and/or Twitter pages), and the MISD sport specific web page at least 5 calendar days in advance. Tryout periods will be a minimum of 2 days. All phases of the try-out will be documented and each student's performance will be recorded on a score sheet. An athlete's individual score sheet may be made viewable to a parent/guardian within 48 hours of a written request. If an exception is made for one student, all other athletes will be entitled to the same consideration.

Due to staffing and supervisory concerns, some student athletes will not be placed in an athletic period and will attend practice before/after school for their sport. These sports may include, but are not limited to golf, tennis, track & field, powerlifting, and cross country.

When informing an athlete that they have not been selected, coaches will do the following:

1. Talk to each student individually (Do not post or hang lists).
2. Tell them their strengths & weaknesses.
3. Give them specific direction on how to improve (drills, club teams, lessons, church and recreation leagues, etc.)
4. Invite them to try again next season.
5. Direct them as to the procedure for changing classes or to become a part of the offseason if that is an option.

If a player moves into the district after the team selection has taken place, the athlete will be allowed to tryout during their 15 day waiting period that is required per UIL. Pending PAPF, eligibility, etc. the athlete will be allowed to participate once the waiting period is over, if he/she makes the team.

## **6 Quitting a Team**

A students' commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however, **students may not quit one sport or organization after the first contest to**

**participate in another sport or club while the one that he/she quits is still active.** If a student is involved in two activities at the same time, quitting one activity will not affect the student's status in the other activity.

Prior to quitting a current in season sport, the student-athlete must meet with the Head Coach of the given sport to discuss reasons for quitting and collect equipment. When an athlete decides to quit a team, every effort will be made by the coach to prevent any harassment by players or coaches. An athlete who quits one team will not be allowed to join another team until after the season of the athlete's next played sport.

If an athlete wishes to rejoin a team, the final decision will be made by the Head Coach and Athletic Director. If granted opportunity to return to team, the Head Coach may impose prerequisites that must be satisfied prior to rejoining the team full time.

If an athlete chooses to be removed or is administratively withdrawn from athletics the athlete will forfeit the opportunity to return to athletics for 365 days.

## **7 Jurisdiction**

Maypearl ISD encourages the participation of students in extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities are made available by the district as an extension of the regular school program, with the significant difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for student conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities are responsible for representing not only themselves but the entirety of Maypearl ISD. This includes when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities as well as while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of Maypearl ISD.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Maypearl ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this Athletic Code of Conduct extends beyond the Maypearl ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline.

The Athletic Code of Conduct will be enforced with all students grades 7-12 participating in athletics:

- Regardless of whether school is in session
- Regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school related event

- Regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs
- Regardless of whether the extracurricular event is in season
- Regardless of where or when the conduct occurs

It is possible that a student who violates the Maypearl ISD Code of Conduct will occur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his/her coach or sponsor for the same violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate Team rules set by Head Coaches that vary from the Athletic Code of Conduct and they could be subjected to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the Maypearl ISD Code of Conduct.

## **8 Conduct Expectations**

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the appropriate coach or sponsor:

All athletes participating in Maypearl ISD athletics made a commitment to the team, their teammates, and their school. Each program demands the dedication of time and energy of the athlete. Part of this commitment is to be a student first and strive for academic excellence. Another part of this commitment is to place the Maypearl ISD athletic team above participation in any non-school sanctioned activity and attend all practices and games scheduled by Maypearl ISD coaches.

If an athlete chooses to miss a Maypearl ISD athletic practice because of participation in an activity not under the direction of Maypearl ISD (e.g. non-UIL extracurricular activities such as club sports) then the athlete may be suspended for one game. On the second offense, the athlete has chosen an outside activity over a Maypearl ISD sport and he/she may be released from the team.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involves competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior towards visiting teams or hosting teams, opponent's fans, and sport officials. Maypearl ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, and competitive play.

Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared. 15-minute rule is in effect.

Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should call the coach, sponsor, team captain, or club president as soon as they are aware they will be absent. Before 10 am if school is in session and before practice takes place. Missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made-up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester.

Injured or ill students who are unable to participate but can attend a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event are required to dress in appropriately attire and site or stand with the rest of the group.

Students are required to always to show respect to coaches and sponsors

Students should follow the rules in the Maypearl ISD Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

## **9 Prohibited Conduct**

Any violations of the rules shall be cumulative for the entire career of the student from grades 7-8 and again from grades 9-12. Violations can be designated as **Type (A) or Type (B)**.

### **Type (A) Violations:**

Type (A) Violations demonstrate a problem which needs to be addressed immediately by the Athletic Department. The following rules apply twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and three hundred sixty-five days of the year for all students participating in extracurricular activities. Students can be found to have violated this policy only based on photos, videos, or credible written reports from professional school personnel and law enforcement officials. The school administration along with the athletic director will determine the credibility of the report. Criminal charges or citations filed against a student will automatically be considered credible.

Examples of **Type (A)** violations:

1. Possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products.
2. Possessing or using drug paraphernalia.
3. Possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband in any way.
4. Possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug.
5. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense related to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals.
6. Engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the Maypearl ISD Student Code of Conduct.
7. Attending and remaining in attendance of an event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring.
8. Riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent or guardian is present and aware of the presence of alcohol.
9. Stealing (this includes equipment issued to the student-athlete)
10. Conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property.

11. Using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures done physically or in writing; no hit lists or slam books.
12. Physical Altercations/Fighting (Locker Rooms/Games/Practice/School).
13. Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers (excluded traffic/parking tickets).
14. Inappropriate behavior including “making out” in public places or school building, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public.
15. Inappropriate behavior in public places.
16. Posting profanity, threatening, lewd or vulgar language, inappropriate pictures, and/or unbecoming content on the internet (Any Social Media Outlet).
17. Sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, and sexually-oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal.
18. Engaging in bullying, harassment, and/or making hit lists.
19. Engaging in threatening behavior towards another on or off school property.
20. Engaging in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual contact.
21. Engaging in verbal or written exchanges that threaten the safety of another student, a school employee, or school property.
22. Engaging in inappropriate behavior, lewd comments or conduct, bullying on social media sites. (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram)

**Type (B) Violations:**

Type (B) violations are generally thought of as mistakes made from time to time. While these mistakes may not pose a problem if they are isolated cases, it is the concern of the Athletic Department that these violations or infractions do not repeat themselves. Minor violations are only monitored when the athlete is on-campus or attending a school function. These actions are discouraged off-campus, however if occur off-campus the actions will be the responsibility of the parent to handle these situations.

Examples of **Type (B)** violations:

- Unexcused tardiness
- No earrings in Athletic Complex or at Athletic Functions (Boys Only)
- No unusual or distracting hair styles
- No profanity
- Players must keep locker neat at all times and all equipment picked up
- No disruption or misbehaving in class
- Failure to dress in proper attire
- Insubordinate to a coach or sponsor
- Engaging in acts of poor sportsmanship
- Horse-play in locker rooms, classroom or training room
- Never leave field/court without permission under any circumstances
- Loss of equipment

- Failure to demonstrate a good attitude or sportsmanship

## 10 Student Drug Testing

**Purpose:** Maypearl High School has a concern for the students and the community as a whole. Students using illegal drugs pose a threat to their own health and safety as well as that of other students and the public. We believe that mandatory random drug testing of students in extracurricular activities will assist in deterring drug use, undermining the effects of peer pressure by giving students a reason to refuse the use of illegal drugs, promoting the safety and welfare of students and the community, and encouraging students who use illegal drugs to participate in drug treatment programs.

### **Findings:**

- Drug use by minors has increased nationwide
- Disciplinary referrals regarding drug use have increased
- Students participating in extracurricular activities are role models for other students and are admired by other students
- Students participating in extracurricular activities are seen as representatives and ambassadors of the school district
- The possibility of injury increases for students participating in extracurricular events when illegal drugs are used

**Drug Testing:** Students who participate in extracurricular activities (An extracurricular activity is an activity sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the school district board of trustees, or an organization sanctioned by resolution of the board of trustees.) will be required to submit to random drug testing consistent with this policy.

**Drug Testing Laboratory:** Drug testing will be done by a nationally certified drug testing laboratory. The district will contract with a certified drug testing service to conduct all drugs testing under this policy. The laboratory will provide qualified collectors to oversee collection of specimens. The service will provide Medical Review Officer Services for interpretation and verification of results. The Medical Review Officer will report all drug test results to designated school officials. Results will not be provided either orally or in writing to any person who has not been designated by the district to receive results.

The laboratory will follow strict procedures for the chain of custody and access to test results. The laboratory must have a record of 99.94% accuracy for test procedures.

The district reserves the right to test for substances, including but not limited to: alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, cocaine, methadone, methaqualone, nicotine, opiates, phencyclidine, steroids, other illegal or addictive drug and any adulterant.

**Procedures:** Prior to engaging in any extracurricular activity that is governed by this policy; a parent/guardian of a student must sign a written consent, authorizing drug testing of the student. Students who have reached the age of majority, or their disabilities of minority have been removed; will sign the written consent authorizing drug testing.

Random testing may be conducted at any time. Random testing may be conducted as determined by the superintendent, principal, or athletic director.

For random testing, the names of all eligible students will be placed in a computer generated “pool”. Random selection from that pool will be conducted by the testing service.

When a principal or the athletic director has reason to believe that an eligible student is currently using illegal drugs, a reasonable suspicion exists for drug testing. The principal or Athletic Director may require the student to submit to a drug test.

**Testing Results:** Results of any drug test will not be given to law enforcement authorities nor be used for any school district discipline, except as related to extracurricular. Access to written drug results will be limited to the following:

1. Parent/guardian
2. Student
3. Principal

Access to verbal notification that a student has tested positive for drug use will be provided to the following:

1. Principal
2. Counselor
3. Athletic Director and/or Activity Sponsor

All information related to the testing of the identification of students as a user of illegal drugs will be protected by the district and its employees, officers and agents as confidential, unless otherwise required by law, overriding public health and safety concerns, or as authorized by the parent/guardian or student. Release of information by a district employee may result in disciplinary action that may include termination of employment. The district will maintain test results for no more than one year.

**Positive Result:** If the drug test indicates positive results, the laboratory will immediately forward the results to its Medical Review Officer. An initial positive test shall be confirmed by a second test of the same specimen before being reported as positive. The Medical Review Officer will contact the designated school official to report the positive result. The school official will contact the parent/guardian to determine if prescription medication or other legal substances may have caused the positive result. This information will be provided to the Medical Review Officer who will confirm or refute the results of the test. If a positive test is confirmed, the Medical Review Officer will notify the designated school official. The school official will notify the parent/guardian of a confirmed positive result. If contested sample B may be tested at the parent’s expense at a separate testing facility within.

## 11 Disciplinary Action

### First Offense:

- Parent/Guardian meeting if student is not married or not an adult

- Probation/Suspension from all extracurricular activities for 15 school days.
- The student will be tested during all random tests for the remainder of his/her high school career.
- The Principal, Counselor, Athletic Director, or Activity Sponsor will be notified of a positive test.

**Second Offense:**

- Parent/Guardian meeting if student is not married or not an adult
- Suspension from all extracurricular activities for 90 school days.
- Verification of attendance at six sessions of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or a chemical dependency counselor within a six-week time frame beginning on the date of the parent/guardian meeting. If a chemical dependency counselor is used the sessions will be paid by the parent.
- The student will be tested during all random tests for the remainder of his/her high school career.
- The Principal, Counselor, Athletic Director, or Activity Sponsor will be notified of a positive test.

**Third Offense:**

- Parent/Guardian meeting if student is not married or not an adult
- **REMOVAL FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR A CALENDAR YEAR (187 SCHOOL DAYS). STUDENT REINSTATEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. IF STUDENT IS REINSTATED AND FAILS ANOTHER DRUG TEST. STUDENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THE REST OF HIS' OR HER'S HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.**
- The Principal, Counselor, Athletic Director, or Activity Sponsor will be notified of a positive test.

**Refusal:**

If a student refuses any test as required or authorized by this policy, the student will receive the same consequences as set out for a positive result for each refusal.

**Alcohol:**

**Self-referral by Student-Prior to receiving a citation**

We encourage our students to be honest and admit mistakes. A student may take advantage of one self-referral within his/her career to seek information, guidance, counseling, and assessment regarding student use of alcohol. Voluntary referrals do not carry punitive consequences, but they do count as an offense in policy. It must be a first offense for alcohol only.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** carries an automatic 14-day suspension while school is in session (inclusive of weekends and day(s) activities that may be scheduled over holidays) from all extracurricular activities. The student will receive 4 hours of mandatory counseling by the school counselor from that campus, must complete 14-hours of community service approved by administration, and perform assigned additional conditioning exercises as determined by the Head Coach of the current sport or Athletic Director. If the athlete is involved in more than one sport, an athlete's coaches will decide together the additional assignment.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** carries an automatic 90-day suspension while school is in session (inclusive of weekends and any day activities may be scheduled over holidays) from all extracurricular activities. The athlete must provide proof of completion of 12 hours of a drug awareness program with prior approval of appropriate school personnel. The drug awareness program will be at no cost to Maypearl ISD. The athlete shall also perform 28-hours of community service approved by administration and assigned additional conditioning exercises as determined by the Head Coach of the current sport or Athletic Director. If the athlete is involved in more than one sport, an athlete's coaches will decide together the additional assignment.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** carries an automatic one calendar year (365 day) suspension from all extracurricular activities. The athlete must provide proof of completion of 12 hours of an alcohol awareness program with prior approval of appropriate school personnel. The alcohol awareness program will be at no cost to Maypearl ISD. The athlete shall also perform assigned additional conditioning exercises as determined by the appropriate coach. If the athlete is involved in more than one sport, an athlete's coaches will decide together the additional assignment.

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense:** will result in permanent removal from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the time the student attends any Maypearl ISD school. The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his/her assessment of the situation.

## **ISS**

Students placed in In-School Suspension (ISS) for general misconduct violations will be eligible to practice after school during the term of their placement is complete.

## **DAEP**

Student-athletes placed in AEP (Alternative Education Program) or Expelled from the Regular Education Program shall be suspended from all activities for the following time periods:

1. Suspended from all athletic activities during the placement period. \*(The student-athlete cannot practice nor participate in a contest.)

2. Suspended from all athletic activities during the placement period and for 14 days upon the date the student-athlete returns to his or her regular campus. \*(The student-athlete cannot practice nor participate in a contest.)
3. Suspended from all activities during the placement period and for one calendar year upon the date the student-athlete returns to his or her regular campus.

## **12 Activity Transportation**

Students will ride school-provided transportation **TO AND FROM ALL EVENTS**. Exceptions are for extreme emergencies that are approved by the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director with a written notice (**\*travel release form**) given in advance. A student will only be released to a parent/guardian.

If a student is representing Maypearl ISD in one activity he/she may be transported to a second Maypearl ISD activity by a parent/guardian with previous knowledge and consent by both coaches/sponsors a travel release form must be filled out and turned in, in advance of the contest. If no travel release form is filled out, the athlete will ride the bus back to Maypearl.

Travel Release Forms must be turned in 72-48 hours prior to the competition/event.

Everyone is expected to always have a ride to and from all practices and home games. Prompt delivery and pick-up is expected from school.

## **13 Fundraising and Booster Clubs**

All students/athletes/participants may be required to fundraise. Individuals who do not fundraise may be required to pay for any expenses that are incurred at the discretion of the coach. All fundraising money is the responsibility of the student/athlete/participant. If money is lost or stolen, individuals are still required to pay the full amount that is owed. Also, if there is anything that is left unpaid or not turned in, it can keep the student from participating the following year.

Booster clubs are optional.

## **14 Character/Leadership Program**

Maypearl Athletics will be using the leadership program, 2Words by Stephen Mackey, to help with the development of the whole student-athlete. The program provides videos and lessons for athletes, parents, and coaches to utilize.

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**Acknowledgement Form**

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the Athletic Code of Conduct. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Maypearl ISD Student Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Maypearl ISD extracurricular athletic activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

Student Name (Print Neatly) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Maypearl ISD Student Athletic Code of Conduct and understand the requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Maypearl ISD extracurricular athletic activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_