

## Regulation

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### Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities

#### Academic Eligibility Requirements

1. All students in grades 6-12 participating in extra/cocurricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory minimum progress in meeting the requirements of graduation by undertaking the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the district.
2. Specific guidelines:
  - a. In order to be eligible to participate, practice, or "try-out" for an extra/cocurricular activity, students in grades 6-12 shall in the previous grading period:
    - i. Have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all enrolled courses (C average).
    - ii. Have been enrolled in the minimum number of prescribed courses/units.
      - A. The minimum number of prescribed courses/units for students in a particular school shall be determined by the district and the site principal.
      - B. When daily attendance and instruction alternate between two courses (i.e. 6th grade Music/PE) students may only earn credit equivalent to one course.
      - C. Students shall be graded Pass/Fail for classes in which they serve as student aides unless predetermined goals and objectives related to specific subject knowledge are on file and have been approved by the principal or designee.
  - b. The 2.0 GPA shall be computed on a 4-point scale as follows:

A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points, D = 1 point, F = 0 points
  - c. A grade of "Incomplete" renders the student ineligible to participate, practice or "try- out" until the "Incomplete" grade is changed to a passing grade, and it is determined that the student meets all other eligibility requirements.
  - d. A grade of "No Mark" is disregarded in computing the GPA and shall not serve to meet the minimum number of courses/units required.
  - e. A grade of "Pass" or "Fail" shall not be computed in the GPA. If a student earns a "Pass" grade, the course shall count in meeting the minimum course/unit requirement. If a student receives a "Fail" grade, the student is ineligible to

participate, practice or "try-out."

- f. In computing the student's GPA, all courses undertaken by the student in the previous grading period shall be included. (All classes taken in Summer School shall also be included.)
- g. For purposes of this policy, "previous grading period" shall be defined as follows:

Grades earned at the end of the first quarter, end of the first semester, end of the third quarter, end of the second semester, or end of each trimester, effective the day report cards are issued.

- h. A student shall maintain, gain, or lose eligibility on the day report cards are issued. If a student is no longer eligible the day report cards are issued, he/she shall no longer participate in any extra/cocurricular activities, as defined by this policy, and remains ineligible for the subsequent grading period.
- i. Since some extra/cocurricular activities have additional requirements for participation (such as the Student Participation Contract, higher academic standards), students shall contact the supervisor of the extra/cocurricular activity to determine the additional eligibility requirements.

### **Probationary Period**

1. At the beginning of the fall semester/trimester, students who are entering sixth grade at the middle school and ninth grade at the high school shall be placed on a probationary period and shall be eligible to participate in extra/cocurricular activities regardless of their academic record in the previous grading period. At the end of the first grading period, the student's grades shall be computed to determine his/her eligibility for continued participation in extra/cocurricular activities.
2. A student who fails to achieve a 2.0 GPA may seek a period of probationary eligibility one time during high school and one time during middle school. The probationary period shall be for one grading period at both the high school and middle school levels.

To qualify for this probation, the student's parent/guardian must submit a written request to the principal for consideration. This request must be submitted immediately following notification of ineligibility. The principal will determine whether the request will be approved or denied. Failure to achieve a 2.0 GPA during the probationary period will render the student ineligible during all subsequent grading periods until a 2.0 GPA is achieved.

### **Summer School**

To determine fall eligibility, all summer school grades shall be averaged with the grades received at the end of the second semester/or third trimester. If a student is repeating a course from the second semester/third trimester in summer school, the higher of the two grades shall be used. If a

student is taking different courses, the grades shall be averaged with his/her grades from the second semester/third trimester grading period.

### **New Students**

A student enrolling from another school in the district or from another school in California is eligible for participation in extra/cocurricular activities only after the student's official records are confirmed and a determination is made to comply with the provisions of this policy.

A student enrolling from out-of-state shall be placed on a probationary period for one quarter or trimester and may participate in extra/cocurricular activities during this time.

At the end of the quarter or trimester the student's grades shall be computed to determine his/her eligibility for continued participation in extra/cocurricular activities.

### **Students Eligible for Differentiated Standards**

Students enrolled in Special Education, including those eligible for differentiated standards of proficiency under Education Code 51215, are included in this policy. A differentiated standard is a standard other than that adopted by the Board of Education for those students whose handicap precludes them from attaining the district's regular proficiency.

### **English Language Learner (ELL)**

Students in ELL classes shall meet the same eligibility requirements as all other students.

### **Definition of Extracurricular Activities**

1. Education Code 35160.5 defines an extracurricular activity as one that has the following four characteristics:
  - a. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
  - b. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
  - c. Students exercise some degree of freedom in either the selection, planning, or control of the program.
  - d. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
2. Education Code 35160.5 specifies that an extracurricular activity is not part of the regular school curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit, and does not take place during classroom time.
3. Ineligible students may not participate in any extracurricular activities that include performance or competition as a representative of the school.

4. Questions regarding the definition of an extracurricular activity shall be referred to the school principal or his/her designee. The school principal shall confer with the Secondary Principals' Committee. The Committee shall determine within 10 school days whether an extracurricular activity is subject to the eligibility requirements of this policy.

### **Definition of Cocurricular Activities**

1. A cocurricular activity is defined as a program that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (Education Code 35160.5)
2. Ineligible students may not participate in cocurricular activities.
3. Questions regarding the definition of a cocurricular activity shall be referred to the school principal or his/her designee. The school principal shall confer with the Secondary Principals' Committee. The Committee shall determine within 10 school days whether a cocurricular activity is subject to the requirements of this policy.

### **Practice for Extra/Cocurricular Activities**

Students who are ineligible for participation in extra/cocurricular activities shall not be allowed to participate in out-of-classroom preparation or practice sessions for the activity.

### **Procedure**

1. At the end of each grading period, student advisors shall have the data processing printout of "ineligible students" available for staff. The staff member supervising the extra/cocurricular activity shall confer with the student's advisor to review each student's eligibility.
2. Students participating in extra/cocurricular activities will be notified of their ineligibility by the staff member who supervises the activity.
3. Student advisors are encouraged to assist ineligible students to improve through tutoring, counseling, or other support services available at the school.

### **Exemptions**

1. A program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students is not extracurricular or cocurricular, but is a curricular activity. (Education Code 35160.5)
2. A curricular activity is defined as an activity which is included in:
  - a. The regular school curriculum approved by the Board, or
  - b. The course description approved by the Board which is part of the academic program and which might include both rehearsals and performances outside of the

school day, or

- c. A course which meets the requirements for entrance into the University of California or the California State University system, or
  - d. A graduation requirement course established by the Board.
3. Curricular activities, as defined by this section, are not subject to the requirements of this policy.
  4. The Secondary Principals' Committee shall determine in advance, whenever possible, when extra/cocurricular programs are not subject to eligibility requirements of this policy.

### **Appeal Process**

1. Appeals regarding exemptions and the definition of extra/cocurricular activities shall be directed in writing to the school principal or his/her designee. The school principal shall confer with the Secondary Principals Committee. The Committee shall render a decision within 10 school days of the initial appeal.
2. Appeals regarding a student's eligibility shall be directed to the school principal or his/her designee. The principal's decision shall be rendered within three school days of the initial appeal. The principal's decision is final.
3. ~~Further appeals regarding exemptions, definition of an extra/cocurricular activity, and student eligibility are available through district BP 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures.~~

### **Behavior Eligibility Regulations**

1. Behavior Regulations
  - a. Possession or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs at school or school activities as determined by a school official, shall result in immediate dismissal from the team/activity and ineligibility for participation in other teams/activities for the remainder of the sport/activity season or 30 calendar days within the school year, whichever is longer.
  - b. Possession or use of tobacco at school or school activities, as determined by a school official, shall result in:
    - i. Suspension for one contest/event for the first offense as determined by the coach/advisor in cooperation with the principal, and
    - ii. Dismissal from the team/activity for the second offense.
  - c. Any participant who is dismissed from an extra/cocurricular sport/activity due to an infraction of the behavior regulations listed in this section shall be ineligible

for participation in that sport/activity for the remainder of that sport/activity season or for 30 calendar days within the school year, whichever is longer.

- d. Suspension from school results in simultaneous suspension from practice or participation for the duration of the suspension.
- e. Insubordination to any school personnel may result in disciplinary action or dismissal from the team/activity as determined by the principal or designee.
- f. Attendance in all classes on the day of a contest/event is required in order to be eligible to participate. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the Athletic Director for sports events or the advisor of non-athletic events.
- g. Travel to and from all extra/cocurricular activities must be on transportation authorized by the school unless the coach/advisor agrees to other arrangements. Students shall not transport other students to or from extra/cocurricular activities.
- h. Return of all issued equipment/materials and payment for lost equipment/materials is the responsibility of the student and parent. The student shall not participate in another activity until equipment/materials are returned or payment is made.
- i. Quitting a sport/activity without first contacting or consulting with the coach/advisor will result in the student being ineligible for the remainder of the sport/activity or 30 calendar days, whichever is appropriate as determined by the coach/advisor.
- j. Additional rules developed and distributed in writing by the coach/advisor relating to attendance and punctuality at practice, awards, dress, and behavior/conduct must be followed. Failure to follow these rules may result in suspension or dismissal from the team/activity.

## 2. Appeal Process for Behavior Eligibility

### a. Athletic Review Board

Any student suspended or dismissed from a team/activity for not adhering to these regulations has a right to appeal. Sports participants may appeal to the Athletic Review Board. The Athletic Review Board consists of a vice-principal/assistant-principal, the athletic director, and off-season head coach or teacher selected by the student. The Athletic Review Board shall meet within two days or prior to the next athletic event if possible.

### b. Extra/Cocurricular Activities Review Board

Other extra/cocurricular participants may appeal to the Extra/Cocurricular

Activities Review Board. The Extra/Cocurricular Activities Review Board consists of an administrator selected by the principal, an adviser to the Student Council, and an activities adviser or teacher selected by the student. The Extra/Cocurricular Activities Review Board shall meet within two days or prior to the next event if possible.

- c. The appropriate review board shall determine if the student participant is to be suspended from the team/activity for a specified time, dismissed from the team/activity, or readmitted to the team/activity. If the student or his/her parent/guardian is not satisfied with the decision of the review panel, the appeal may be referred to the principal. **The principal's decision from the appeal of the review panel is final.**

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