

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that extracurricular and co-curricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students in Grades 6-12. The District shall encourage and support student participation in extra/co-curricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

This policy is intended to encourage students in Grades 6-12 toward academic excellence, not to exclude students from participation in "extracurricular/co-curricular" activities.

For the purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are defined as activities that occur outside of the traditional classroom setting but serve as an important component of a student's grade in a particular course. Extracurricular activities are school related events in which voluntary student participation is encouraged and for which there is no graded component.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or their designee to develop extracurricular and co-curricular activities beneficial to students of the District.

1. The activities developed shall be of sufficient variety and number to meet the wide range of interests and needs of the pupils. They shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Athletics - team and individual competition
 - b. Intramural sports
 - c. Subject-related clubs
 - d. The school newspaper
 - e. The school yearbook
 - f. School plays
 - g. Academic competition team
 - h. Music performances
2. No publication of the District shall contain any advertisement of tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, drugs, alcoholic beverage or activities in which student participation is not recommended.
3. All extracurricular and co-curricular activities shall be supervised to prevent excessive time and effort being expended by students.

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4. Public performances may not be held for purposes which contribute to private gain or advantage.
5. Students shall not be allowed to participate in activities requiring them to be off campus overnight under school auspices, except by specific authorization of the Superintendent or designee.

No student shall be prohibited from participating in extra/co-curricular activities related to the educational program because of inability to pay fees associated with the activity.

Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. No extracurricular or co-curricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic listed as a prohibited category of discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity be required or refused on those bases. (5 CCR 4925)

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the District's extracurricular or co-curricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Academic Eligibility Requirements

To encourage and promote academic excellence, all students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory progress in meeting the requirements of graduation by undertaking the prescribed courses of study and working to meet the standards of proficiency established by the District.

To be eligible for participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, a student in Grades 6-12 shall have earned a minimum 2.0 GPA in all enrolled classes during the preceding grading period based on a 4.0 scale. GPAs of students in AP honors classes will be calculated using the 5.0 scale for AP honors course work.

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The following academic and citizenship requirements shall be for:

	GPA	Citizenship
Student Officers	2.5	Not more than one “unsatisfactory” per semester

The grade point average in determination of eligibility shall be based on quarter grades, 6-8; and semester grades, 9-12.

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probation period of not more than one semester.

Any decision regarding the eligibility of a homeless student, foster youth, or child of an active duty military family for extracurricular or co-curricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

The Board desires to balance the academic needs of students with the benefits they receive from participating in school activities. In implementing this policy, the Superintendent or designee shall help ineligible students regain eligibility.

The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities when a student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The Board grants students with less than the minimum required GPA a probation period of one quarter, 6-8; and one semester, 9-12. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

Students shall not be allowed to participate in activities requiring them to be off campus overnight under school auspices, except by specific authorization of the Deputy Superintendent, Education.

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Appearance of students or their work as representatives of the District must be authorized by the school principal. Any required transportation must be arranged in advance and at least one certificated person must accompany the students and be in charge of the activity.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Co-curricular event

When attending or participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities on or off campus, District students are subject to District policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate District policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or co-curricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation

35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia

4893048938 Student organizations

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

350 Fees not permitted

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

Hartzell v. Connell, 84 Daily Journal D.A.R. 1417 (April 20, 1984)

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