

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

All interscholastic activities in grades six (6) through twelve (12) that are 1) of a competitive nature and involve more than one (1) school where a championship, winner, or rating is determined and 2) endeavors for which no credit is earned in meeting graduation or promotion requirements that are of a continuous and ongoing nature, organized, planned, or sponsored by the District, consistent with District policy, shall be conducted under the provisions of this policy. Such activities will be established and designed to offer students worthwhile athletic and leisure-time interests, wholesome recreational and social activity, and an opportunity to develop skills in democratic and cooperative management for these activities. These programs will be appropriate to the maturity of students and as varied as staff and facilities permit.

All such activities conducted under the auspices of the District shall be under the direct supervision of the certificated individual responsible for the activity.

It is necessary to have the extracurricular activities function within a realistic framework of control. In order that overenthusiastic students do not place a social or athletic function on a higher plane than the academic program, the following policy will be adhered to:

- Students who, upon having their work checked on a cumulative basis initially at the end of the first one (1) week period, and each subsequent three (3)-week period, show that they are not working to capacity and have one (1) or more failing grades will be ineligible to participate in any scheduled events, excluding practices. After improving their respective grades such that they are passing on a cumulative basis, they shall not be reinstated to the teams or extracurricular activities until a subsequent check is performed unless ineligible for some reason other than academic performance.
- A student who becomes ineligible remains so for the entire week, Monday through Sunday, and only becomes eligible if he/she is passing all classes for the next eligibility period.
- The eligibility criterion for extracurricular participation shall be a passing grade in all classes in which the student is enrolled, and the student shall maintain progress toward promotion or graduation.
- The responsibility for notification of students and parents of these requirements and for enforcement of the above rule rests with the Superintendent.

- The student and the parents or guardian shall be notified of ineligibility in a manner such that confidentiality is maintained when ineligibility is determined to be necessary.
- Support services shall be made available to students who become ineligible for extracurricular programs as well as to students in danger of being ineligible.

Students whose behavior presents a problem or jeopardizes school discipline may be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities until such time as their behavior warrants reinstatement.

The same general standards shall apply for special education students except that such eligibility shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in relationship to the respective students' individual education programs.

The Superintendent shall consult with and invite comment on this policy from parents and teachers and shall make recommendations to the Board regarding this policy, as necessary, after considering such comments.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to ensure that:

- Necessary documents in support of this policy are maintained.
- Necessary data related to ineligible students are collected and reported as required by law.
- The cultural traditions of students are considered when establishing or enforcing rules related to participation in extracurricular activities.
- The requirements of this policy are met.

The Superintendent may develop additional rules or procedures for the proper conduct of extracurricular programs and the implementation of the provisions of this policy.

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