

**EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. No extracurricular or cocurricular 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 cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases. (5 CCR 4925)

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

Unless specifically authorized by law, no student shall be charged a fee for his/her participation in educational activities, including extracurricular and cocurricular activities and materials or equipment related to such activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011)

**Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7-8 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Overall adequate progress towards standards in academic content, habits of learning and demonstration of positive character and citizenship
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements (if applicable)

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. (Education Code 35160.5)

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

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

**Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events**

When attending or participating in extracurricular and cocurricular 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,

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expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

**Annual Policy Review**

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations. (Education Code 35160.5)

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**Definitions**

For purposes of applying eligibility criteria for student participation, extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be defined as follows: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, do not take place during classroom time, and have all of the following 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 the selection, planning or control of the program.
  - d. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
2. Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if either of the following conditions applies: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity.
2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Overall adequate progress towards standards in academic content, habits of learning and demonstration of positive character and citizenship

When a student becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in the upcoming school year, or when he/she is subject to probation, the principal or designee shall provide written notice to the student and his/her parent/guardian. The principal shall also consult with the student's teacher(s) in deciding on a program of remediation to improve the student's academic progress.

Eighth grade report cards will be forwarded to high school. The high school may determine eligibility for the first quarter of ninth grade based on the eighth grade report cards.

**Supervision**

All extracurricular activities conducted under the name of auspices of a district school or any class or organization, regardless of where the activities are held, shall be under the direct supervision of certificated employees. (5 CCR 5531)