

**EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES****A. Purpose and Scope**

For the purpose of scholastic eligibility, extra-curricular activity means a program that has all of the following characteristics. (Education Code 35160.5):

1. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
2. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
3. Students exercise some degree of freedom with the selection, planning or control of the program.
4. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before a public audience.
5. The activity is not part of the regular curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit and/or does not take place during classroom time.

For the purpose of scholastic eligibility, co-curricular activity means a program that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (Education Code 36150.5)

Examples of such extra-curricular and co-curricular activities shall include but not be limited to:

1. All interscholastic athletics
2. Marching band, concert band, orchestra, and auxiliary units
3. Pep squad, drill teams
4. Student government
5. Class officers
6. Club officers
7. Drama productions, not included as part of the required program
8. Choral productions, not included as part of the required program
9. Competitive speech activities, not included as part of the required program
10. Out-of-class student newspaper, presentations, and competitions
11. Out-of-class student yearbook, presentations, and competitions
12. Other performance or competitive groups.

Any teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California is not an extracurricular or co-curricular activity for purposes of this policy. (EducationCode35160.5).

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**B. General**

1. Students who are scholastically ineligible shall not be prohibited from participating in any activity or program which is conducted during the regular school day. In addition, ineligible students shall not be prevented from participating in any extra-curricular/co-curricular practice activities which take place either during or outside the regular school day. Practice or participation activities are, but not limited to, preparations for games, performances or competitions. Ineligible students are ineligible to play or perform at games, performances or competitions.
2. Summer school credits may be counted toward making up “F” grades earned in the eligibility period immediately preceding. Grade points earned in summer school apply to the preceding grading period for GPA computation.
3. In determining a grade point average, “incomplete” or “NM” grades will constitute an “F” grade. However, as the “incomplete” or “NM” grade is changed to an academic grade, eligibility will again be determined at that time. The coach, instructor, and/or club advisor is responsible for eligibility certification each grading period. Grades used to determine eligibility for students are: first semester, second quarter, third quarter and second semester. Grades in K-8 and middle schools will determine eligibility at trimester, quarter or semester whichever is applicable for the school.
4. When students are simultaneously enrolled in college classes for which they receive credit toward high school graduation, their college grades shall be included in the computation of their grade point average.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to participate in extra/co-curricular activities, students in grades 6 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in meeting the requirements for graduation.

Students

Students in Grades 6 – 12, who participate in extra-curricular/co-curricular activities and/or athletics within must comply with the minimum academic eligibility standards which follow:

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1. A minimum of a “C” average (2.0 on a 4 point scale) for all classes. High School students must be currently enrolled in at least 6 classes or the equivalent of 30 credits.
2. No course failures in any eligibility period.
3. Students in grades 9-12 may be placed on academic probation if they receive one “F” during a grading period affecting eligibility. A student on academic probation is allowed to compete or perform in extra and co-curricular activities while on academic probation.

“The terms of a student’s academic probation must be agreed upon by the student, their parent/guardian and their coach/advisor. The terms of a student’s academic probation will also include sound interventions designed to help students succeed.”

Students may be on academic probation only two times during their high school career. Once a student has been on academic probation two times in their high school career, they must maintain a 2.0 average on a 4.0 scale and have no course failures (no F grades) in any eligibility period thereafter in order to compete or perform. The two times in which a student is allowed to be on academic probation may not be in consecutive grading periods affecting their eligibility.

All incoming 6th and 9th graders are academically eligible to participate in extra/co-curricular activities. At the end of the first grading period, students must comply with the minimum academic eligibility standards.

The Governing Board also requires that participating students be satisfactorily progressing towards the Districts’ graduation requirements in order to participate in a sport or activity. Satisfactory progress is hereby defined as the ability to graduate with one’s class within conventional timelines, i.e.:

Grades 6-8: six (6) consecutive semesters from sixth grade entrance; and

Grades 9-12: eight (8) consecutive semesters from freshman entrance, including summer sessions.

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**Scholastic Eligibility for Duncan-Russell High School Students**

1. Scholastic eligibility for Duncan-Russell High School students participating in activities offered through Tracy High Schools shall be determined by the following criteria:
  - a. The student will maintain a “C” average (earn one credit per week) calculated on a quarterly basis.
  - b. The student will maintain an attendance rate of 80% or better, calculated on a quarterly basis.
  - c. The student will have no suspensions in the quarter of the activity or the quarter preceding the activity.
  
2. Activities conducted through Tracy Schools in which Duncan-Russell High School students are eligible under scholastic eligibility guidelines are:
  - a. Junior/Senior Prom or Girl’s Treat
  - b. Drama productions
  - c. Choral productions.

Examples of such activities offered at Duncan-Russell High School Shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. All inter-scholastic athletics
  - b. Student government
  - c. Class officers
  - d. Other performance or competitive groups.
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6. General eligibility of Duncan-Russell High School students participating in other activities offered through High Schools shall be determined by the following criteria:
    - a. Student requests and receives permission through Duncan-Russell High School Principal.
    - b. Student requests and receives permission through Assistant Principal at High School.
    - c. Student requests and receives permission from the teacher responsible for the class or activity.

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7. Activities conducted through High Schools in which Duncan-Russell High School students are eligible under general eligibility guidelines are:
- a. All dances
  - b. Student Faire
  - c. Any classes offered that are not offered at Duncan-Russell High School.

Guidelines for Duncan-Russell High School students inviting an out-of-district guest to the Junior/Senior Prom or Girl's Treat are:

- a. Student requests and receives permission from Duncan-Russell Principal.
- b. Student requests and receives permission from Assistant Principal at High School.
- c. Student is on track to graduate.
- d. Duncan-Russell staff member will help with supervision.

**C. Forms Used And Additional References**

None

**D. Procedures**

The grade point average used to determine eligibility shall be based on grades of the previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. (Education Code 35160.5).

In the event a student finds that he/she is academically ineligible to participate in extra/co-curricular activities in the first grading period of the upcoming year, he/she may request that the total spring and summer school grades be used to determine eligibility for the first grading period of the upcoming school year.

Certification Date: High School students become eligible or ineligible on the date that grade reports are available to the student (i.e., the date they are mailed or sent to the student's address from the High School). However, for all other students transferring from another school district, eligibility depends on the student's grades received in the last grading period (second semester) in the former school.

**E. Reports Required**

None

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**F. Record Retention**

None

**G. Responsible Administrative Unit**

Educational Services

Student Services

**H. Approved by the Administrative Division**

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services