

Davis School District Policy and Procedures

Subject: 5S-200 Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities Participation
Index: Student Services – *Extracurricular Activities Participation*
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1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education of Davis School District (Board) recognizes that a variety of school sponsored student activities enrich a student's academic program. Student participation in student extracurricular and co-curricular activities is encouraged to aid in the development of well-rounded personalities, with special emphasis on social, emotional, and physical fitness.

2. POLICY

The Davis School District (District) shall establish minimum eligibility standards, in grades 7-12 that will determine the level of scholastic performance required of students to participate in extracurricular activities. "Scholastic" includes both academic and behavioral performance. Schools have the authority to establish higher scholastic standards for extracurricular activities as well as requirement for co-curricular activities.

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability in its programs and activities. Individuals shall not be denied an opportunity to try-out for athletic teams or other nonacademic, co-curricular, and extracurricular services and activities based on their federally protected class.

3. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY MINIMUM STANDARDS

Students must obtain a minimum term grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in the preceding grading period and meet the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) standards to participate in cheerleading and activities sponsored by the UHSAA. Student body officers, class officers, etc. must hold and maintain a minimum term GPA of 2.5.

- 3.1. Students falling below the required GPA will be ineligible to participate in the succeeding grading period. Mid-term progress reports do not apply.
- 3.2. No student shall be eligible to represent his or her school if he or she has academically failed more than one subject in the preceding grading period. Incompletes (I) are considered failures and must be factored into the GPA until made up.
- 3.3. Determination of academic eligibility shall be determined when grades are posted. Grades are posted when all grades have been entered electronically and are available to students, parents, and teachers. In no case may the posting date be more than five (5) school days following the last day of the grading period. Grade changes after the posting date cannot restore lost eligibility.

4. CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY MINIMUM STANDARDS

Students participating in extracurricular activities shall exemplify good citizenship.

- 4.1. Students receiving one "U" in the preceding grading period will be subject to review by the School Standards Committee. A student may be put on probation and allowed to participate if the committee feels that there have been mitigating circumstances, or that an honest effort is being made to improve.
- 4.2. Students receiving two or more "U's" in a grading period will be eliminated from extracurricular activities immediately and for the succeeding term.
- 4.3. At the discretion of the school principal and School Standards Committee, a student with

one or more “U’s” may participate when their credit has been restored.

- 4.4. Determination of citizenship eligibility shall be determined when citizenship grades are posted. Grades are posted when all grades have been entered electronically and are available to students, parents, and teachers. In no case may the posting date be more than five (5) school days following the last day of the grading period. Citizenship grade changes after the posting date cannot restore lost eligibility.

5. ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY IN USHAA SPONSORED INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

- 5.1. A student enrolling in high school for the first time will be deemed residentially eligible for UHSAA sponsored interscholastic athletic activities even if that first entry is at a school not within the student’s residential area, unless the student established residential eligibility under District Policy 5S-201 *9th Grade Student Participation in High School Sports*.
- 5.2. A student attending a District alternative school is eligible to participate in UHSAA sponsored interscholastic activities at the school within whose boundaries the student’s custodial parent or legal guardian resides or at the public school from which the student withdrew for the purpose of attending the alternative high school, as long as they meet required scholastic eligibility standards.

6. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY IN UHSAA SPONSORED INTERSCHOLASTIC -ACTIVITIES

- 6.1. A student who attends one high school and subsequently transfers to another high school, may request eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities at the new school through UHSAA, as allowed under its by-laws.
- 6.2. A student’s transfer between schools shall not extend eligibility for interscholastic competition beyond the four consecutive years allowed under UHSAA by-laws.
- 6.3. The use of undue influence by any person, connected or not connected with a District school, to secure the transfer of a student to a District school for the purpose of participation in interscholastic activities shall cause the student to be ineligible for such activities for a period of twelve (12) months. If the person is a District employee such action may result in disciplinary action consistent with state law and District policy.
- 6.4. A student may not attend one District school for academic classes and participate in interscholastic athletic activities at a different District school, except as allowed for ninth grade students to participate with a high school as outlined in District Policy 5S-201 *9th Grade Student Participation in High School Sports*, or students attending a District alternative school (as outlined in section 5.2).

CHARTER, ONLINE, HOME, AND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR OR CO-CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 6.5. **Definitions.** For purposes of determining the eligibility of charter, online, home, and private student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, the following definitions shall apply:
 - 6.5.1. **“Charter school”** means a Public school authorized and operating under Utah Code Title 53G, Chapter 5 Charter Schools.
 - 6.5.2. **“Online school”** means a formally constituted public school that offers full-time education delivered primarily over the internet. An online student may receive instruction at home, but the student is enrolled in a public school that follows

state Core Standards; is subject to laws and rules governing state and federal mandated tests; is included in accountability measures; and receives instruction under the direction of highly qualified, licensed teachers.

- 6.5.3. **“Home school”** means the formal instruction of children in their homes instead of in a public school. A home school student is not eligible to be claimed in membership of a public school; the curriculum and instruction methods, evaluation of student progress or mastery, and reporting, are provided or administered by the parent, guardian, custodian, or other group of individuals; and instruction is not supervised or directed by a school, district, or charter school.
- 6.5.4. **“Private school”** means an educational institution that is not an LEA (school district, charter, or online school); is owned or operated by a private person, firm, association, organization, or corporation; and is not subject to governance of the Utah State Board of Education.
- 6.5.5. **“Qualifying school”** means the District school within whose attendance boundaries a student’s parent or legal guardian resides, and/or, the District school from which the student withdrew for the purpose of attending a charter online, private, or home school.
- 6.5.6. **“Co-curricular activity”** means a school district or school activity, course, or experience that includes a required regular school day component and an after school component.. In an effort to accommodate charter/online/home/private school student participation in District program, the District does not require a class to have an after school component for a student to participate in a class. However, all other pre-requisites apply.
- 6.5.7. **“Extracurricular activity”** means an athletic program or activity sponsored by a District school and offered, competitively or otherwise, to a student outside of the regular school day or program.
- 6.5.8. **“Activity fee”** means a fee approved by the Board and is charged to all students (generally at the time of registration) to supplement the costs associated with school activities and allow a student to participate in, try out for, receive transportation to, or attend an activity sponsored by or through a District school or program. This fee is in addition to a “student activity specific fee”.
- 6.5.9. **“School participation fee”** means the fee paid by a charter or online school to a qualifying school to allow a student to participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity. This fee is established by Utah Admin. Rule R277-494.
- 6.5.10. **“Student activity specific fee”** means the fee charged to all students participating in a designated extracurricular or co-curricular activity and is determined by the qualifying school in compliance with the Board’s adopted Fee Schedule.

6.6. Charter or Online School Students

A charter or online school student may participate in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity at a qualifying District school if:

- 6.6.1. the co-curricular or extracurricular activity is not offered by the student’s charter or online school of enrollment;
- 6.6.2. the charter or online school of enrollment approves the student’s participation in the activity;
- 6.6.3. the student meets the District and qualifying school’s standards and eligibility requirements for co-curricular or extracurricular activities;
- 6.6.4. the student participating in a co-curricular activity meets the same attendance, discipline, and course requirements expected of the qualifying school’s full-time students which may include a corresponding course held during the school day;
- 6.6.5. the student’s parent/guardian agrees to provide the student transportation to the qualifying school for the activity;
- 6.6.6. all fees, including school participation, activity fees, and student activity specific,

are paid to the qualifying school prior to the student's participation, more specifically:

- [a] the charter or online school student's school of enrollment shall pay a one-time annual school participation fee of \$75.00 per student to the qualifying school at which the charter or online school student desires to participate. The school participation fee shall be charged only one time annually per student regardless of the number of extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities the student desires to participate in during that school year;
- [b] the student shall pay the activity fee in the same amount charged to all students at the qualifying school to supplement the cost of student activities. The activity fee shall be charged by the qualifying school one time annually per student regardless of the number of extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities the student desires to participate in during that school year;
- [c] the student shall pay activity specific fees for each activity in accordance with deadlines set by the qualifying school;
- [d] if the student qualifies for fee waiver, the charter or online school shall pay the activity fee, and the student activity specific fee for each activity in accordance with the deadlines set by the qualifying school.

6.7. Private or Home School Students

A private or home school student may participate in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity at the school within whose boundaries the student's custodial parent or legal guardian resides as follows:

- 6.7.1. a private school student may only participate in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity at a qualifying school if the activity is not offered by the student's private school;
- 6.7.2. the private or home school student shall have received an exemption from compulsory public school for instruction in private or home schools through the District's Student and Family Resources Department;
- 6.7.3. the private or home school student shall be taking courses comparable to traditional school courses or earning credit in at least as many of the designated courses as required of students for participation in that activity which may include a corresponding course held during the school day for co-curricular activities;
- 6.7.4. the private or home school student shall meet the qualifying school's eligibility standards and requirements applied to a fully enrolled public school student including providing report cards and citizenship information to activity sponsors and coaches upon request. Verification of academic eligibility for home school students shall be made according to the provisions of Utah Code §53G-6-703;
- 6.7.5. prior to the private or home school student participating, all fees shall be paid to the qualifying school, more specifically:
 - [a] the student shall pay the activity fee in the same amount charged to all full time students at the qualifying school to supplement the cost of student activities. The activity fee shall be charged by the qualifying school one time annually per student regardless of the number of extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities the student desire to participate in during that school year;
 - [b] the student shall pay activity specific fees for each activity in accordance with deadlines set by the qualifying school;
 - [c] if the student qualifies for fee waiver, the qualifying school shall waive the activity fee, and the activity specific fee for each activity in the same manner as it does for a fully enrolled public school student.

6.8. In order to participate as school officers, class officer, cheerleaders, and similar

leadership positions, a student must be enrolled in a qualifying District school full time.

- 6.9. A District student who has been declared to be academically or behaviorally ineligible to participate in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity and who subsequently enrolls in a charter, online, private, or home school shall lose eligibility for participation in the co-curricular or extracurricular activity until the student meets eligibility standards. Academic or behavioral eligibility for a student who leaves a public school mid-semester or during an activity season shall be based on the student's standing at the time of exiting the District or other public school.

7. INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- 7.1. A student who is ineligible to represent his/her school on any varsity, junior varsity, sophomore or freshman team, whether it be pre-season, region or post-season competition shall not:
- 7.1.1. be in uniform on competition day;
 - 7.1.2. warm-up with the team;
 - 7.1.3. be introduced as a member of the team; or
 - 7.1.4. sit on the bench with the team.
- 7.2. Participation in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and other extracurricular activities is not a constitutionally protected civil right. Therefore, students who are suspended or expelled shall lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, including practice, during the period of suspension/expulsion and shall not be allowed to invoke due process procedures to challenge the denial of extracurricular participation.

8. NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT

- 8.1. Activity Disclosure Statement

Utah law and UHSAA require development of an activity disclosure for school-sponsored groups or programs in grades 9 through 12 involving contests, performances, events, or activities which require students to miss class time or take place outside of the regular school day. The activity disclosure statement shall be disseminated to students desiring involvement in the specific activity and to the student's parent/guardian.

- 8.2. Random Drug Testing

All students who participate in those extracurricular activities outlined in District Policy 5S-204 *Random Drug Testing for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities* (including students exempted from public education, charter school, and online students) shall sign and return a written consent form for random drug tests. A student is ineligible to practice/compete/perform/participate until this form has been completed and returned to the school. This consent requires the student to submit to random drug testing.

- 8.3. Concussion and Head Injury

Schools shall provide a written copy of District Policy 5S-303 *Athlete & Student Concussion and Traumatic Head Injury* to parents and students participating in sporting events (as defined by 5S-303), and obtain a signed statement from the parent acknowledging that the parent has read, understands, and agrees to abide by the concussion and traumatic head injury policy.

9.4 Register My Athlete

All athletes must complete the [Register My Athlete](#) process with the UHSAA.

9.5 Prohibited Conduct

Student athletes and extracurricular club members shall be informed of prohibited activities (as outlined in section 10) and notified of potential consequences for violation of law or District Policy.

9. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- 9.1. Students who participate in student government and extracurricular activities, particularly competitive athletics, and the adult coaches, advisors, and assistants who direct those activities, become role models for others in the school and community and often play major roles in establishing standards of acceptable behavior in the school and community.
- 9.2. It is of the utmost importance that those involved in extracurricular activities, whether as students or staff, comply with all applicable laws and rules of behavior and conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their positions and responsibilities.
- 9.3. The following types of conduct are prohibited, while in the classroom, on school property, during school sponsored activities, or regardless of the location or circumstance, affecting a person or property described in UCA §53G-8-203 (1)(e)(i) through (iv):
 - 9.3.1. the use of foul, abusive, or profane language while engaged in school related activities;
 - 9.3.2. the illicit use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia;
 - 9.3.3. the use, possession, or distribution of a tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product as those terms are defined in UCA §76-10-101; or an alcoholic beverage; and
 - 9.3.4. hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or not, including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order under Utah law.
- 9.4. A student who participates in gang activities, regardless of the location, may be excluded from participation.
- 9.5. School personnel who reasonably believe that a violation of this section may have occurred shall report such incident immediately to school administrators so that prompt and appropriate action can be taken. School personnel who fail to report a violation may face disciplinary action.
- 9.6. Students who observe hazing activities and fail to intervene or report the hazing to school officials may face disciplinary action for conspiring to engage in hazing.
- 9.7. Prior to any student or employee or volunteer coach participating in a District/school sponsored athletic program, both curricular and extracurricular, or extracurricular club or activity, a student or coach shall annually participate in bullying and hazing prevention training.

DEFINITIONS

“Co-curricular activity” means a public school activity, course or experience that includes a required regular school day component and an after school component, including a special programs or activities such as programs for gifted and talented students, summer programs, and science and history fairs.

“Extracurricular activity” means an athletic program or activity sponsored by a public school and offered, competitively or otherwise, to a public school student outside of the regular school day or program.

“School Standards Committee” means the school level committee appointed by the principal to review student eligibility appeals and requirements.

“School of enrollment” means the public school that maintains the student's cumulative file, enrollment information and transcript for purposes of high school graduation.

REFERENCES

[Utah Code Ann. §53G-6-704](#) – Charter school students' participation in extracurricular activities at other public school.

[Utah Code Ann. §53G-6-705](#) – Online students' participation in extracurricular activities.

[Utah Code Ann. §53G-4-409](#) – Activity disclosure statements.

[Utah Code Ann §53G-6-703](#) – Private school and home school students' participation in extracurricular activities in a public school.

[Utah Code Ann §53G-8-203](#) – Conduct and discipline policies and procedures.

[Utah Code Ann. §53G-8-209](#) – Extracurricular activities – prohibited conduct.

[Utah Code Ann. §53E-3-509](#) – Gang prevention and intervention policies.

[Utah Administrative Code R277-438](#) - Dual Enrollment.

[Utah Administrative Code R277-494](#) – Charter, Online, Home and Private Student Participation in Extracurricular or Co-curricular School Activities.

[Utah Administrative Code R277-613](#) – School District and Charter School Bullying and Hazing Policies and Training.

FORMS AND OTHER LINKS

[District Policy 5S-100 Student Conduct and Discipline](#)

[District Policy 5S-204 Random Drug Testing for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities](#)

[District Policy 5S-303 Athlete & Student Concussion and Traumatic Head Injury Policy](#)

[District Policy 6F-101 School Fees, Fee Waivers, and Provisions in Lieu of Fee Waivers](#)

[Student Activity Handbook](#)

[Utah High Schools Activities Association By-Laws](#)

[Hazing Statement of Commitment](#)

[Student Participation Chart](#)

[Student Participation Application](#)

DOCUMENT HISTORY:

Adopted: November 4, 2003 – Removed from policy 5S-403 Registration, Transfer, and Boundary Variance. Updated to comply with changes in the USHAA By-Laws.

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Revised: September 2, 2008 – Added USOE schedule of fees to be paid by the charter/online school to compensate the District for their students' participation. Students must also pay the activity and participation fees that public school students must pay.

Revised: September 1, 2009 – Revised USOE schedule of fees to be paid by the charter/online school to comply with changes in Administrative Code R277-494. Renumbered from 5S-406 to 5S-200 with reorganization of Policy Table of Contents.

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