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EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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District Policy [Effective 2014-15 School Year]

Extracurricular and Cocurricular Eligibility

Students in grades 6-12 may participate in cocurricular or extracurricular activities as defined in Education Code 35160.5, when he/she maintains satisfactory academic and citizenship progress. Satisfactory academic progress is defined as at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale in all enrolled courses. Satisfactory citizenship is defined as at least a 2.0 in citizenship on a 3.0 point scale in all enrolled courses. A student failing to meet these standards shall be immediately declared ineligible for cocurricular or extracurricular participation subject to the probationary period.

Students declared ineligible at the end of District adopted grading period may continue to participate in extra or cocurricular activities during a probation period which may not extend beyond the next five week grading period. A student may be allowed no more than one probation period to recover eligibility **during any one academic year.**

Regular marking periods for purposes of determining eligibility under this policy shall be established at each grading period throughout the academic school year.

Consistent with this policy, students must also meet all CIF continuing scholastic eligibility requirements contained in Rule 205 of the CIF Blue Book.

Regulations implementing this policy shall be developed by the Superintendent and disseminated throughout the district.

Definitions

1. Extracurricular Activity

An “extracurricular activity” is one that includes all of the following characteristics: (Education Code 35160.5)

- a. The district supervises or finances the program.
- b. Students participating in the program represent the school district.

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- c. Students exercise some degree of freedom in either 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 Activity

A cocurricular activity is a program that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (EC 35160.5)

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

- a. It is a 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.

(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)

- b. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

No student shall be prohibited from taking a regular school course because of ineligibility under these provisions.

Eligibility Requirements

All students participating in extra/cocurricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory minimum progress in meeting the requirements of graduation by undertaking the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards established by the district. If a student is having difficulty maintaining satisfactory scholarship or citizenship, available time must be devoted to raising achievement to acceptable levels. Participation in extra/cocurricular activities is encouraged only if the student is progressing satisfactorily in academic course work and citizenship.

Principals of schools with students in grades 6-12 are responsible for determining at each grading period the eligibility of all students participating in extra/cocurricular activities. Each principal will certify that participants in

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co/extracurricular activities are eligible at the beginning of each school year and at the end of each grading period during the season of the activity. For example, the roster of eligible varsity football team members will be prepared by the Athletics Director. The Athletic Director, the Assistant Principal in charge of activities, and the Principal will certify that eligibility has been confirmed for each participant listed. That certified list will be submitted to the Director of Athletics prior to the first league game. After each grading period, participants on probation will be identified. An eligibility update must be prepared and submitted at the end of the probationary period.

At the close of each grading period, a report will be prepared by the Athletic Director identifying participants who are ineligible, ineligible but on probation, or newly eligible. This report is due the Monday following the posting of grades to the schools from the data processing center at the end of each grading period.

Academic

In order to be eligible for participation in extra/cocurricular activities, a student in grades 6 through 12 shall have earned a minimum 2.0 or "C" grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled courses during the previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. If a student was not in attendance for all, or a majority of, the grading period due to absences excused by the school for reasons such as serious illness or injury, approved travel, or work, the GPA used to determine eligibility shall be the grading period immediately prior to the excluded grading period(s). (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

See example:

<u>Subject</u>		
English 2B	D	1
Orchestra/Adv	A	4
Pre-Algebra	C-	2
World History	D	1
Life Science B	D	1
Track Boys	A	<u>4</u>
		13 ÷ 6 = 2.16

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The grade point average and determination of eligibility shall be based on the grading period. Marks of "Incomplete" will be treated the same as a "Fail."

In the event a student finds that he/she is academically ineligible to participate in extra/cocurricular activities in the start of the upcoming school year, he/she may request that summer school marks be considered and averaged with the marks earned in the spring semester.

1. If the exact course was repeated in summer school, the higher mark will replace the lower mark.

<u>Example</u>	<u>Spring</u>		<u>Summer School</u>		
Eng 1B	F	0	Eng 1B	C	2
Alg 1B	C	2			
Health	C	2			
Track	A	4			
Spanish 1	C	2			
World History	D	<u>1</u>			
		11÷6=1.83			
		(Ineligible)			
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					2+11=13 ÷6= 2.16
					(Eligible)

2. If the courses taken in summer school are different than the courses taken in the spring, the summer courses will be added to the spring marks.

<u>Example</u>	<u>Spring</u>		<u>Summer School</u>		
Eng 1B	F	0			
Alg 1B	C	2			
Health	C	2			
Track	A	4	Creat/Wrtg	C	2
Spanish 1	C	2	Comp/Sci	B	3
World History	D	<u>1</u>			
		11÷6=1.83			
		(Ineligible)			
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					5+11=16÷7= 2.29
					(Eligible)

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3. If the exact course was repeated in summer school, the higher mark will replace the lower mark.

<u>Example</u>	<u>Spring</u>		<u>Summer School</u>		
Eng 1B	U	1	Eng 1B	S	2
Alg 1B	S	2	Comp Sci	E	3
Health	S	2			
Track	E	3			
Spanish 1	S	2			
World History	U	<u>1</u>			
		11÷6=1.83			<u>16</u> ÷8=2.0
		(Ineligible)			(Eligible)

Probation

A student found to be ineligible at the end of a regular grading period may be granted probation for the period not to exceed 5 weeks. If a 2.0 Grade Point Average in academics is not achieved by the end of the probationary period, the student may not continue participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities. (Education Code 35160.5) The marks at the end of the grading period may serve to remove a student from probation. New low marks cannot cause a student to be placed on probation. No more than one probation period may be granted a student during any academic year.

Effective Dates

Student participation will be effective the Monday following the posting of grades to the schools from the data processing center at the end of each grading period.

Supervision

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

Any noncertificated person working with students in a district-sponsored extracurricular student activity program shall possess an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or shall

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have cleared a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check prior to beginning his/her duties, in accordance with BP 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches. (Education Code 49024)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)

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