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Recognizing that student activities are a part of the school program, the Board establishes that all student activity programs shall have educational value for students, be in balance with other curricular offerings in the school, and be managed in a professional manner.

Eligibility requirements shall include academic standards (grades and attendance), behavioral standards and attendance standards, and shall be applied equally to all student participants. All student participants, including athletes, shall be informed that they have the obligation to act in a responsible manner because of the leadership roles they play in the school environment.

Advisors/Coaches shall specify minimum school attendance requirements, and the minimum grades the school expects student participants to maintain. All such standards must be reasonable. The relationship between a student's grades and his/her eligibility shall be clearly explained to all student participants.

Behavioral standards shall include a ban on consumption/use of alcoholic beverages, drugs and/or tobacco products. These standards also extend to student conduct off school grounds, including student attendance at parties off school grounds where alcohol and/or illegal drugs are present. Also included are involvement with weapons or violent activity on or off school grounds.

"Training rules" are generally accepted as a condition of participation in student athletics, and may include attendance at practices, individual training programs, etc. Although suspension from participation in an extracurricular activity does not require a full hearing pursuant to Section 3214 of the Education Law, a student shall be given the opportunity to appear informally before the disciplinarian and/or disciplinary committee, and present his/her side of the story as part of a general discussion of the conduct under review.

#### **Eligibility for Event Attendance**

In order for students to attend a school-sponsored function, it is necessary that students attend classes for four full periods of school on the day of the activity.

Students who are suspended from school on a day of an athletic game or practice session, party, school dance, or other school affair scheduled after regular school hours are not eligible for participation or attendance at such events.

Ref: Education Law §§1709(3); 2801  
 Bush v. Dassel-Cokato Board of Ed., 745 F.Supp. 562 (D. Minn. 1990)  
 Matter of Wilson, 28 EDR 254 (1988)

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