

2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education is concerned about the academic performance of pupils who participate in co-curricular activities and directs the Superintendent to establish standards and guidelines for participation. The Board wishes to reaffirm its position that the primary mission of the schools is to provide an effective and appropriate education for all of its pupils, and to establish acceptable standards of pupil performance.

The Board believes that it is the responsibility of local school district to ensure that pupils participating in co-curricular activities maintain a standard of academic performance that is consistent with the primary mission of the schools. To ensure that participation does not favor the activity at the sacrifice of the academic, or vice versa, the below listed eligibility requirements are adopted as Board policy.

A. Eligibility for High School Activities

To be eligible for participation in co-curricular activities, a pupil must:

1. Attain and pass 27.5 credits during the previous year in school to be eligible the next year.
2. Have 13.75 credits by mid-semester after the second marking period.
3. Be an amateur.
4. Be a full time student and a bona fide resident of Bayonne.
5. Be in compliance with the school district's attendance policy.
6. Be in compliance with the school district's uniform policy.
7. Be no more than 19 years of age before September 1 of each school year.
8. Not be on suspension.
9. Be present in school the day of an activity. If the activity occurs on a nonschool day, the pupil must have been present on the last school day preceding the activity.
10. Have the approval of the faculty.
11. Have no more than two failures on his or her report card during any one marking period. The pupil may, however, become eligible after a hearing conducted by the principal, providing that written consent is given by the teachers involved.

B. Eligibility for Elementary Activities

To be eligible for participation in elementary co-curricular activities, a pupil must:

1. Be passing four of the five major subjects at the time of the mid-marking period failure notice distribution and report card distribution.
2. Be a bona fide resident of Bayonne.
3. Be passing department at report card distribution.
4. Be present in school that day.
5. Be in compliance with the school district's uniform policy.
6. Be in compliance with the school district's attendance policy.
7. Not be on suspension.

C. Extracurricular activities in the elementary school may include:

Basketball (boys/girls)	Peer Leadership
Cheerleading	Orchestra
School Clubs	Forensics
Chess Club	Choir
Intramural Sports Program (boys/girls)	Math Olympiad
Academic Challenge	Reading Cafe

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