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EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extra/cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Each student's primary responsibility is to meet the academic challenge of learning. Extracurricular and cocurricular activities are an integral, but supplemental, part of the educational programs at the intermediate schools. The Board desires to encourage students to learn to establish priorities that will foster academic excellence and enable them to realize success in the educational system that will translate into complete success in all walks of life.

No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately, and no district student's participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be required or refused, based on the student's sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability. Requirements for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that are essential to the success of the activity. (5 CCR 4925)

Any complaint regarding the district's extracurricular and cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

No student shall be prohibited from participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities related to the educational program because of inability to pay fees associated with the activity.

Extra/cocurricular activities shall be supervised by district employees whenever they are conducted under the name of the district.

Academic Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7-12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in previous grading period, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which extra/cocurricular activities or programs are not subject to the eligibility requirements of this policy in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probation period of not more than one trimester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

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Any decision regarding the eligibility of any child in foster care or a child of a military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and/or cocurricular activities on or off campus, district students are subject to district policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate district policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implement regulations.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35145 Public meetings
35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation
35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia
35181 Students' responsibilities
48850 Participation of foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports
48930-48938 Student organizations
49700-49704 Education of children of military families
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
350 Fees not permitted
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance
5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils
Hartzell v. Connell, 84 Daily Journal D.A.R. 1417 (April 20, 1984)

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