

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5009: PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 7-8

A. General Provisions

1. Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics:
 - a. The program is supervised or financed by the District.
 - b. Pupils participating in the program represent the District.
 - c. Pupils exercise some degree of freedom as determined by the Administration of the District 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. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, and do not take place during class time.
3. Co-curricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.
4. A program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement is not an extracurricular or co-curricular activity under this Policy.

B. Academic Eligibility Requirements

1. In order to encourage and promote academic excellence, all pupils in grades five through eight participating in extracurricular or co-curricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period.
2. In order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular or co-curricular activities, a pupil shall have earned a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average during the preceding grading period in all enrolled classes on a 4.0 scale, and shall have earned at least a "satisfactory" grade in citizenship in all classes, and shall not have received a "D" or an "F" in any subject.
3. The "previous grading period" does not include any grading period in which the pupil was not in attendance for all, or a majority of the grading period due to excused absences. In that event, the previous grading period is deemed to mean the grading period immediately prior to the grading period or periods excluded.
4. Eligibility will be determined within five school days of the end of each grading period.

5. An incomplete (I) grade is not a passing grade. For the purpose of eligibility, it will be counted as an "F" until cleared. When cleared, and a letter grade given, eligibility status will be re-determined.

C. Probationary Period

1. A pupil who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress in academic subjects in the previous grading period as defined in paragraph B2 may remain eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities during a probationary period. An incoming pupil with a grade point average during the preceding grading period of less than 2.5 or "C+" automatically shall be placed on probation.
2. The probationary period is the next grading period. During the probationary period, the pupil will be monitored on a regular basis. During the first three (3) week of the probationary period a pupil may continue to participate in "practice only" status. At the end of this three (3) week period, the pupil may continue to be on probation and in "practice only" status or may continue to be in probation but be allowed to move into "practice and regular participation" status. However, at any time, if satisfactory educational progress is not being sought or achieved, the pupil may be declared ineligible to participate. A pupil who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress as defined by this Policy during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities in the subsequent grading period.
3. A pupil who receives a "Needs Improvement" (N) in citizenship also will be placed on probation. During the probationary period, the pupil will be monitored, evaluated and treated in the same manner as in subparagraph 2 immediately above.
4. Pupils who are eligible for differential standards of proficiency pursuant to Board Policy are covered by this Policy, consistent with any allowances for disabilities.
5. Pupils who engage in serious misconduct, as determined by the Principal or Superintendent, may be immediately made ineligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities until determined otherwise by the Principal or Superintendent.

D. Appeal Process

1. A decision on eligibility by the Principal may be appealed in writing to the Superintendent.

E. Required Supervision

1. All extracurricular and co-curricular activities of the District shall be under the general supervision of District employees.

G. Opioid Factsheet

1. The District shall annually provide each pupil who participates in a District athletic program with the Opioid Factsheet for Patients published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The pupil and his/her parent or guardian shall sign a document acknowledging receipt of the Opioid Factsheet and shall return that document to the District before the pupil initiates practice or competition. This requirement shall not apply to a pupil engaging in an athletic activity during the school day or as part of a physical education course required pursuant to Education Code section 51220.
- H. Protocol for Pupil Concussions Occurring During A School-Sponsored Athletic Activity and Concussion And Head Injury Information Sheet (Education Code section 49475)
1. A student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity shall be immediately removed from the athletic activity for the remainder of the day, and shall not be permitted to return to the athletic activity until he or she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider.
 2. The student athlete shall not be permitted to return to the athletic activity until he or she receives written clearance to return to the athletic activity from a licensed health care provider. If the licensed health care provider determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.
 3. For purposes of Paragraph “H,” “licensed health care provider” means a licensed health care provider who is trained in the management of concussions and is acting within the scope of his or her practice.
 4. The District shall annually provide each pupil who participates in a District athletic program with a Concussion and Head Injury Information Sheet. The pupil and his/her parent or guardian shall sign a document acknowledging receipt of the Concussion and Head Injury Information Sheet and shall return that document to the District before the pupil initiates practice or competition. This requirement shall not apply to a pupil engaging in an athletic activity during the school day or as part of a physical education course required pursuant to Education Code section 51220.

Legal Reference

Education Code section 35160.5, 49475, 49476

Health and Safety Code section 124235

Opioid Factsheet: <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/AHA-Patient-Opioid-Factsheet-a.pdf>

Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet:

https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/pdfs/custom/HeadsUpConcussion_Parent_Athlete_Info.pdf

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