

INSTRUCTION

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic based on ancestry, age, color, physical or mental disability, medical condition, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, national origin, immigration status, race or ethnicity, ethnic group identification, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, or genetic information, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases. (5 CCR 4925)

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

Unless specifically authorized by law, no student shall be charged a fee for their participation in educational activities, including extracurricular and cocurricular activities and materials or equipment related to such activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7-12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the 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 in all enrolled classes
2. Passing a minimum of four (4) classes
3. Receiving no more than one (1) unsatisfactory citizenship mark
4. Enrollment in a minimum of four (4) periods in the school for which eligibility is to be granted, and attendance in at least four (4) periods or its equivalent on the day of the interscholastic activity

5. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements which is defined as earning an average of twenty-five (25) credits per semester or twenty-five (25) credits in the prior semester

Students applying for participation or participating in any extracurricular activity who do not meet the eligibility requirements shall meet with the principal or designee to determine proper remediation and assistance to promote eligibility and participation in extracurricular activities.

The Superintendent or designee may grant an ineligible student a one-time waiver of the eligibility requirements provided above if, in the previous grading period, the student has: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Achieved a passing grade in a minimum of four (4) classes; and/or
2. Received no more than two (2) unsatisfactory citizenship marks

All requests for waivers shall be submitted in advance of the time when the activity of interest begins or within five (5) days of notification of ineligibility for extracurricular activities in which a student is currently participating. No student shall receive more than one (1) waiver during their high school career.

Consistency of standards and requirements shall be maintained among district schools serving the same grade levels, and between grade levels within a single school. For eligibility purposes only, Summer School grades may substitute for required courses, within the same subject area, taken in the previous semester. Any elective course taken during Summer School may substitute for an elective taken in the previous semester.

Any decision regarding the eligibility of a homeless student, foster youth, or child of an active duty 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 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 implementing regulations. (Education Code 35160.5)

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 homeless students and foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports

48930-48938 Student organizations

49010-49013 Student fees

49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

49700-49703 Education of children of military families

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 9, Section 5 Common school system

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

COURT DECISIONS

Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, April 24, 2013

CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Preliminary Final Report, March 2009

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC), Coded Correspondence 10-11, July 20, 2010

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

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Definitions

For purposes of applying eligibility criteria for student participation, extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be defined as follows: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, do not take place during classroom time, and have all of the following characteristics:
 - a. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
 - b. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
 - c. Students exercise some degree of freedom in 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 activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

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

1. 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.
2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

Eligibility Requirements

The grade point average (GPA) used to determine eligibility for extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least four (4) periods or its equivalent. 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)

When a student becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in the

upcoming grading period, or when they are subject to probation, the principal or designee shall provide written notice to the student and their parent/guardian. Ineligible students are not permitted to wear the uniform/attire of the team/club/squad at extracurricular activities.

One-time Waiver

Students who are not eligible, but wish to participate in an extracurricular activity may request that their eligibility status be reviewed by the principal or designee. The principal or designee shall make recommendations to the student and parent/guardian regarding remediation and support to assist the student in meeting eligibility requirements.

With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, the principal or designee may grant a one-time waiver of eligibility requirements upon request of the student and parent/guardian. No student shall receive more than one (1) waiver during their high school career. Additionally, no future waivers may be granted under any circumstances.

Summer School Grading

Ineligible students who wish to enroll in a Summer School class(es) to regain their eligibility for participation in an interscholastic athletic program governed by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) must follow the strict guidelines established CIF – Southern Section (CIF-SS) as noted below:

To replace a grade obtained in a class during the previous grading period, the student must take the same class in Summer School (*i.e.*, only a satisfactory grade in Algebra 2B taken in Summer School may replace an Algebra 2B grade obtained in the previous grading period).

Summer School classes taken to repeat a course that was not taken in the previous grading period will not count either for or against the student (*i.e.*, repeating a language arts class taken two or more semesters ago, will have no effect on eligibility).

A new course taken in Summer School will be considered an additional class and averaged with the classes taken during the previous grading period when determining the student's GPA.

In no case will a Summer School class make a student ineligible who was previously eligible.

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 have cleared a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check prior to beginning their duties, in accordance with (Education Code 49024).

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