

## **EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

### **I. Academic Eligibility Requirements**

In order to encourage and promote academic excellence, all pupils participating in extra/co-curricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory minimum progress in meeting the requirements of graduation by undertaking the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the District.

A program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievements of pupils is not subject to these eligibility requirements. (EC35160.5(b)(5))

The Superintendent or designee shall determine in advance when extra/co-curricular activities or programs are primarily for the pupil's academic or educational achievement and therefore not subject to the eligibility requirements of this policy. (See Appendix A)

In order to be eligible for participation in extra/co-curricular activities, a pupil in grades 6 through 12 shall have earned a minimum 2.0 (or "C") grade point average with no contributing grade to be less than a 1.0 (or "D") grade during the preceding grading period. (See below for probation eligibility.)

The grade point average and determination of eligibility shall be based on quarter, semester or trimester grades.

In the event a pupil finds that he/she is academically ineligible to participate in extra/co-curricular activities in the first quarter of the upcoming year, he/she may request that current summer school grades be added to the grades received in the spring semester and that the total spring semester and summer school grades be used to determine eligibility for the first quarter of the upcoming school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which activities may not be entered into after the onset of the activity, assuming eligibility is achieved after commencement of the activity.

### **II. Citizenship Eligibility**

As a condition for maintaining eligibility for participation in extra/co-curricular activities, each pupil shall also maintain a positive record of citizenship. (See also Policy 5150 - Pupil Behavior)

### **III. Probationary Period**

- A. Pupils academically ineligible may seek a period of probationary eligibility (one quarter grading period at the high school level and one progress report period at the middle school level) provided the pupil's grade point average falls in the 1.75 to 1.99 range, and that the pupil has no more than one contributing grade of "F". Any pupil below this standard is not eligible for probation and will be dropped from the activity immediately. This period shall not extend beyond the next quarter district grading period.
- B. Parents wishing to have their child placed on probation shall do so through the school administration during the period of probation application. Pupils granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards (2.00 GPA and NO F grades) by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. Any pupil who falls below the above standards, while on probation, will also be removed immediately from the activity.
- C. Every pupil is eligible for one probationary period per academic year. Pupils who still fail to meet academic eligibility requirements at the end of the probationary period shall be deemed ineligible until academic eligibility standards are met on the next regular quarter report card.

### **IV. Review and/or Appeal**

- A. If the pupil or the pupil's parent/guardian wishes to appeal the pupil's academic and/or citizenship ineligibility for extra/co-curricular activities, the case may be presented in writing to the principal.
- B. The principal shall convene a review panel to consider the matter. The review panel shall be made up of:
  - 1. Athletic director or department chair or activity supervisor/sponsor
  - 2. Teacher or coach from out-of-season activity
  - 3. Administrator
  - 4. Teacher (academic subject)
  - 5. Counselor
- C. The review panel shall convene within five school days after the request is received by the principal and as soon as it is convenient for those involved to meet. A decision by the panel will be rendered within 24 hours from the conclusion of the hearing.

- D. In the event that either party feels it is necessary to appeal the panel's decision, the next step would be the Superintendent's designee. The final step of appeal would be to the Superintendent.

**V. Pupils Eligible for Differentiated Standards**

Pupils enrolled in Special Education, including those eligible for differentiated standards of proficiency under California Education Code Section 51215, are included in this policy. A differentiated standard is a standard other than that adopted by the local Board of Trustees for those pupils whose handicap precludes them from attaining the district's regular proficiency. No staff person or member of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team shall classify a pupil as eligible for differentiated standards of proficiency for the purpose of circumventing the intent of this policy.

**VI. Supervision**

Extra/co-curricular activities shall be under the general supervision of school authorities and certificated employees whenever they are conducted under the name of the school district.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures which provide for:

- A. determining which activities and programs are affected by the eligibility requirements of this policy (See Appendix A);
- B. identifying and monitoring ineligible pupils (See Sections I-III);
- C. assisting ineligible pupils to become eligible for participation in such activities, including but not limited to counseling, tutoring and on-site, supervised study hall;
- D. determining which activities may not be entered into after the onset of the activity.

Legal Reference: EC 40 - Equal opportunity without regard to sex  
41 - School sponsored athletic programs prohibiting sex discrimination  
200-262 - Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex  
35160.5 - District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation  
48930-48938 - Student organizations  
49020 - Athletic programs: Legislative intent  
49021 - Equal opportunity for male and female pupils  
49022 - Apportionment of funds for male and female pupils

49023 - Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE 5

350 - Fees not permitted

5531 - Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

Hartzell v. Connell, 84 Daily Journal DAR 1417 (April 20, 1984)

c.f.6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements

Cross Reference: Policy 5150 - Pupil Behavior  
Policy 6143 - Graduation Requirements  
Policy 6145.2 - Interscholastic Athletics

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