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Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

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

No extracurricular or co-curricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic listed as a prohibited category of discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity be required or refused on those bases. Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. (5 CCR 4925)

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

Unless specifically authorized by law, no fee shall be charged to students for participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities related to the educational program, including materials or equipment related to the activity (Education Code 49010, 49011).

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular 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)
 - a. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled classes.
 - b. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements.
2. The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one semester/quarter. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. (Education Code 35160.5)
3. Any decision regarding the eligibility of a homeless student, foster youth, or child

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of an active duty military family for extracurricular or co-curricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

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

B. Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Events

1. When attending or participating in extracurricular and co-curricular 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 co-curricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

C. Annual Policy Review

1. The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations. (Education Code 35160.5)

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 35145; 35160.5; 35179; 35181; 48850; 48930-48938; 49010-49013; 49024; 49700-49704
California Constitution, Article 9, Section 5
Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections: 350; 4900-4965; 5531
United States Code, Title 42

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