

## **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 extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

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 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. Noncompetitive activities, such as club memberships and dances, may be exempted from formal academic eligibility at the discretion of school leadership. (5 CCR [4925](#))

(cf. [0410](#) - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. [5145.3](#) - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. [5145.7](#) - Sexual Harassment)

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.

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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.

(cf. [3260](#) - Fees and Charges)

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

### **Eligibility Requirements**

#### **Grades 6 - 8**

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 6 through 8 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
2. Maintenance of appropriate behavior during the period of eligibility

#### **Grades 9 - 12**

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 9 through 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
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements
3. Maintenance of appropriate behavior during the period of eligibility

(cf. [5121](#) - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. [6146.1](#) - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. [6162.52](#) - High School Exit Exam)

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](#).

(cf. [6173.1](#) - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

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.

#### One-time Probationary GPA Requirement Exemption

In the interest of fostering positive connections to school through the participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students entering sixth grade and ninth grade may be granted a one-time probationary exemption from the GPA requirement (in accordance with CCS-CIF guidelines). Students will only be allowed to use the probation period during a maximum of one grading period during each of their sixth grade and ninth grade years. To be eligible under probation, students must have a minimum of a 1.5 GPA, 85% attendance and good behavior during the most recently completed grading period. Grading periods are defined as trimesters, quarters, or semesters. Mid grading period marks such as progress reports and grade checks do not determine formal eligibility. Students on probation will lose eligibility at the next official grading period if they do not achieve regular eligibility requirements. Eligibility rules are applied on the Monday morning following the week that grades are posted. This timing must apply to both participants who are returning to eligible status as well as students being removed from eligible status.

#### 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.

(cf. [5131](#) Conduct)

(cf. [5131.1](#) - Bus Conduct)

(cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)

(cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion)

(cf. [5144.2](#) - Suspension and Expulsion Due Process for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - Athletic Competition)

#### Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.

#### Legal References:

#### 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

#### 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 TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

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

## WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Educational Options Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/mc>

California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/>

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