

Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities

Definitions

Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics: (Education Code [35160.5](#))

1. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
2. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
3. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning or control of the program.
4. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.

Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit and do not take place during classroom time. (Education Code [35160.5](#))

Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (Education Code [35160.5](#))

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 used to determine eligibility shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. (Education Code [35160.5](#))

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](#))

One-time Probationary GPA Requirement Exemption

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.

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