

POLICY

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ELIGIBILITY POLICY FOR COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education has the authority to establish reasonable standards as prerequisites for eligibility for co-curricular and extracurricular activities. These standards apply to entry qualifications as well as to continued participation in such activities. Advisors/Coaches must disseminate a copy of the expected standards of conduct to all students and parents at the start of each school year. Participating students will be individually informed of the application and scope of such standards.

This policy applies to all extracurricular activities, co-curricular activities and athletics. Eligibility and continued participation in co-curricular, extracurricular activities, are a **privilege extended to students, as opposed to a right.** Students are expected to maintain a certain level of academic performance, as well as the behavioral standards set forth in the district Code of Conduct (policy 5300). This applies to all students participating in any co-curricular and/or extracurricular activity or athletics. All student participants, including athletes, will be informed that they have the obligation to act in a responsible manner as representatives of their school. Students are expected to adhere to a ban on the consumption/use of alcoholic beverages, drugs (other than those appropriately prescribed), tobacco, and vaping products on or off-campus.

Academic Standard

Academic performance will be monitored during the entire school year and students must meet the following criteria in order to participate in any extra-curricular activities.

- The student is expected to attend school regularly
- Be in attendance for all classes scheduled
- Perform regular course work in all classes for each marking period
- **Students who are absent for a half a day, will be ineligible to participate in the practice, activity, or game scheduled that day.** A legitimate excuse must be signed and dated by a guardian for the partial day absence.
- Student performance will be reviewed every five weeks
- An eligibility list will be published after each five week progress report and at the end of each marking period

Eligibility Standards

1. Academic Eligibility Determination

- a. A student must maintain an overall average of 70 in 3 core classes and physical education each marking period.
- b. **Determination for fall participation rests upon the previous year's performance.**

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- c. A student who does not meet eligibility requirements has until the next five-week interim report period conclusion to meet the requirements and is placed on academic probation.
- d. During the academic probation period, the student may fully participate on the team.
- e. During the academic probation period, the student will attend and participate in a minimum of three after-school study sessions.
- f. In addition, other school-assigned interventions may be required if deemed necessary for student success.
- g. If the student does not participate in the after-school program and shows improvement at the five-week interim report time, he/she will become “Ineligible to Participate.” (See 2.a).

2. Ineligible to Compete

- a. If a student is not passing the subjects in question at the five-week interim report period, they will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for the next five weeks.
- b. It is expected that the student will attend the after-school study session outlined in 1b.
- c. If the student’s situation improves within the five-week period, the student may request reconsideration of ineligibility status.
- d. To request reconsideration, a student must complete a status form, signed by each teacher, and present it to the principal.
- e. The Principal will then clear the student for practice and play, and notify the coach and athletic director.

Appeals

A student or his/her parent/guardian may request reconsideration or appeal the determination regarding the student’s ineligibility status to the Academic Eligibility Committee. The Academic Eligibility Committee will be comprised of Administrators, Coaches or Advisors, Teachers, and Guidance Counselors, but shall not include the student’s coach/advisor for the particular sport or activity from which declared ineligible. At least five individuals must be present to make a determination. If a student wishes to appeal a determination he/she must complete the “Appeal Form” in the principal’s office.

It is the sole responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian to present specific facts and circumstances regarding the student’s academic performance and provide proof that his/her academic performance has improved sufficiently to meet the standards as set forth in this policy. The committee shall examine the specific facts of each case, reach a consensus and render a decision within three school days of the appeal. During the appeal process, the student may not practice or play and/or participate in extracurricular activities. The decision of the appeals committee is final.

Advisors/Coaches will provide these expectations in writing at the beginning of the school year or season to all participants.

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Although suspension from participation in an extracurricular activity does not require a full hearing pursuant to Section 3214 of the Education Law, a student must be given the opportunity to appear informally before the disciplinarian and/or disciplinary committee, and present his/her side of the story as part of a general discussion of the conduct under review.

Cross-ref:

5300, Code of Conduct

Ref:

Education Law §§1709(3); 2801

Bush v. Dassel-Cokato Board of Ed., 745 F. Supp. 562 (D. Minn. 1990)

Matter of O'Conner v. Bd. of Ed., 65 Misc.2d 40 (1970)

Matter of Wilson, 28 EDR 254 (1988)

Matter of Keily, 24 EDR 138 (1984)

Matter of Miller, 23 EDR 23 (1983)

Matter of Moore, 22 EDR 180 (1982)

Matter of Clark, 21 EDR 542 (1982)

Matter of Vetter, 20 EDR 547 (1981)

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