

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Board of Trustees affirms that academic pursuits and achievement are the essence of the educational program. Though academic achievement is the primary goal of public education, the Board acknowledges that extracurricular and cocurricular activities supplement and strengthen the curriculum provided in the schools of the District and enrich the educational and social development of students. The District shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities while emphasizing that the primary student responsibility is to be successful in the classroom.

To ensure that the student participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities meets the paramount goal of achieving scholastic success and to comply with legal requirements, the Board establishes the following:

1. A minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) participation eligibility level for athletic teams and pep units.
2. A citizenship requirement of no more than two unsatisfactory (U) marks on a report card. Incoming ninth grade students are exempted from this standard.
3. A one-time only probationary period.
4. An appeal process in which every reasonable effort by staff members will be made to provide for exhaustion of remedies to complete the process within 15 days from receipt of the initial written appeal unless mutually agreed otherwise by the student and parent(s) and the principal.
5. The uniform implementation of these requirements at all campuses.

Cocurricular activities are extensions of classroom participation whereas extracurricular activities are not associated with the regular school curriculum.

The Board recognizes the need for administrative procedures to effectively address student participation requirements. The Superintendent shall develop and implement regulations regarding eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

This policy is intended to comply with the requirements of Education Code Section 35160.5 (b).

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