Instruction

Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

The Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The District shall encourage and support student participation in extra/cocurricular activities and curriculum- and noncurriculum-related student clubs without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

No extracurricular or cocurricular 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 cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases. Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular 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 cocurricular 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 cocurricular activities related to the educational program, including materials or equipment related to the activity.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress the previous grading period, including, but not limted to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Maintenance of a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled classes

2. Maintenance of a minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one 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)

Any decision regarding the eligibility of any child in foster care or a child of an active duty military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

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.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and 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.

Legal Reference:
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
49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate
49700-49704 Education of children of military families
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 9, Section 5 Common school system
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