

ELIGIBILITY FOR COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education has the authority to establish reasonable standards as prerequisites for eligibility for cocurricular and extracurricular activities. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or his/her/their designee to develop and implement academic, attendance, and/or conduct standards for participation in cocurricular and extracurricular activities when deemed necessary or effective. These standards shall apply to entry qualifications as well as to continued participation in such activities.

The scope and expectations standards may include reasonable minimum attendance and grade point average (GPA) requirements. These standards must be reasonable and applied equally to all student participants. If a minimum GPA is required, the relationship between a student's GPA and eligibility must be clearly explained to all student participants.

Advisors/Coaches must receive approval from both the building principal and Superintendent or his/her/their designee, in accordance with District protocols and/or procedures, prior to disseminating and/or implementing any standards for participation in a cocurricular or extracurricular activity. Advisors/Coaches must disseminate a copy of the scope and expectations standards of the cocurricular or extracurricular activity to all participating students and their parents at the beginning of the school year or season, as appropriate and if applicable.

In order to participate in a cocurricular or extracurricular activity, the student must be present in school on the day of the activity. Additionally, "training rules" are generally accepted as a condition of participation in student athletics, including attendance at practices, individual training programs, etc., and may be required for participation in addition to attendance. Similarly, rules of rehearsal attendance and practice may apply to participation in other cocurricular or extracurricular activities such as orchestra, band, and theater.

Eligibility and continued participation in cocurricular and extracurricular activities are a privilege extended to students, as opposed to a right. The behavioral standards set forth in the District Code of Conduct apply to all students participating in any cocurricular and/or extracurricular activity. All student participants, including athletes, will be informed that they have the obligation to act in a responsible manner because of the leadership roles they play in the school environment and, as a result, are expected to adhere to a ban on the consumption/use of alcoholic beverages, drugs (other than those appropriately prescribed), and/or tobacco products on or off campus.

Although suspension from participation in a cocurricular or 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 building principal and/or his/her/their designee and present his/her/their side of the story as part of a general discussion of the conduct under review.

Supervision of personnel supervising cocurricular or extracurricular activities (advisors/coaches) shall be the responsibility of the building principal in accordance with District procedures and/or protocols established by the Superintendent.

All students participating in a cocurricular and/or extracurricular activity/event not on District grounds shall be required to utilize transportation provided by the District and may not arrive to or leave the event via alternative means.

Cross-ref: 5200, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Programs
5210, Student Organizations
5280, Interscholastic Athletics
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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