

6145 BP - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

Instruction

Board Policy 6145

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EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extra/cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately and no district student's participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be required or refused based on the student's gender, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability. Requirements for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that are essential to the success of the activity.

Any complaint regarding the district's extracurricular and cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation No. 1312.3--Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 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.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grade 6-8 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period including but not limited to:

1. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or "C" grade point average with no "F" grade within the grading period.
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period of not more than one trimester. 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 a 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 a student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and/or 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 regulations. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.
(Education Code 35160.5)

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

COURT DECISIONS

Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899