

Instruction

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 extracurricular/cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations;
requirements; matters subject to regulation

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NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bakersfield, California

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1. In order to encourage and promote academic excellence, the district requires that all students (in grades 7 and 8) participating in extracurricular/cocurricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory minimum progress in meeting the requirements of graduation by undertaking the prescribed course of study established by the district.
2. In order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular/cocurricular activities, a student (in grades 7 and 8) shall have earned a minimum 2.0 grade point average during the preceding (quarterly) grading period.
3. Definitions:
 - a. A program is an "extracurricular activity" if it meets all of the following criteria:
 - (1) The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
 - (2) Students participating in the program represent the school district.
 - (3) Students exercise some degree of freedom in either the selection, planning or control of the program.
 - (4) The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
 - (5) The program is not part of the regular school curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit and does not take place during classroom time.
 - b. A program is a "cocurricular activity" if it has been so designated by the Superintendent or designee because it is neither a graded class nor an extracurricular activity, but is a program which is or may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (Examples of cocurricular activities are: Athletics, student body officer functions, debate, drama, choral music, instrumental music, drill team, special school teams.)
 - c. A program is neither extracurricular nor cocurricular if it has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievements of students. (Examples of

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these programs include graded classes in music, drama, art, debate and journalism for which major element of the academic and educational content is preparation of work for performance or competition, when the Superintendent or designee determines that the academic and educational value for all students in the class would be substantially diminished if some students who participate in preparation and rehearsal are ineligible to participate in performance or competition.) Students who fail to meet the eligibility standards for extracurricular/cocurricular activities shall also be excluded from any part of the preparation, rehearsal, performance or competition associated with the programs described in this paragraph which require the student to miss class time during the regular instructional day.

4. The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate steps to assist ineligible students to meet the required standards of eligibility, including the use of counseling, tutoring and other student support services.
5. Eligibility will be determined as of the dates of issuance of school report cards.
6. Activities included or exempted from eligibility standards shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee.
7. If a teacher changes a grade, then the new grade will be used to determine eligibility.
8. Grades/credits in repeated classes are to be counted in the same way as any other class.