

Los Angeles Unified School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

All students, as a condition for participating in 2018-19 school activities, *including the Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony*, must have a record of good school attendance, must record at least a 2.5 grade point average, and must remain "In Good Standing" as determined by the Administration throughout the school year.

VAAS Student Activities Participation Program:

The 2018-19 Student Activities Participation Program is based on your student's attendance during the Fall and Spring semesters beginning August 14, 2018. All absences, *both excused and unexcused*, from August 14, 2018 until the end of the school year in June 2019 will be counted. All students must satisfy the requirements of this plan in order to participate in student activities, including the privilege of graduating on stage. The requirements for the 2018-19 school year are as follows:

Total Absences

No more than 10 full-day and/or partial day absences per year.

Consequences

The student will not be allowed to participate in any designated extra-curricular activity or designated senior activity during the 2018-19 school year. **The 10-week and 20-week report cards will be used to determine the official number of reported full-day and partial-day absences.** Students with 10 or more full-day and/or partial-day absences will become **INELIGIBLE** to participate in student activities, including, but not limited to, Performance Group Rehearsals, Athletic Practices/Contests, Winter Formal, Prom, Senior Breakfast, Senior Picnic, Senior Sunset, Grad Nite, and the 2019 Graduation Ceremony. **PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Purchased Tickets to these events are NON-REFUNDABLE** should a student become ineligible after purchasing a ticket.

The final number of full-day + partial-day absences for seniors will be tabulated on Thursday, May 23, 2019. If a student is not eligible to participate in the 2019 graduation ceremony, a notification letter will be mailed to the parent/guardian on 5/24/19.

Appeals:

Families may appeal the total reported absences by submitting a written request for appeal. Grounds for the appeal may include suspicion of an error, long-term illness, or other special circumstances. The written request for appeal must be received in the main office within two days of the parent's receipt of the Non-Eligibility Notification Letter. Upon receipt of the parent's written request for appeal, the school will schedule a meeting for the parents with the VAAS Attendance Review Board. All requests for appeal will be resolved by Friday, May 31, 2019. Questions regarding Attendance Review Board appointments should be directed to Ms. Evans, Assistant Principal, at 818-832-3663.

If you have any questions regarding the Student Activities Participation Program, please feel free to contact Ms. Hanock, Principal, at 818-832-7752. Please have your student return the completed tear-off below to his/her Advisory teacher. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Kelly Hanock
Principal

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We have read the information above describing the VAAS Student Activities Participation Program and understand that *students who do not meet the GPA, Attendance, or Behavioral expectations will not be eligible to participate in student activities* as defined above.

Student Name	Date	Parent Name	Date
Student Signature		Parent Signature	Date