

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ACADEMIC POLICY

The Board recognizes the value of a program of extracurricular activities for students in grades 7-12 as an integral part of the total school experience for the students of the district and for the community. However, student participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right.

For the purpose of this policy, "Extracurricular Activities" refers to a pupil activity program that a school or the district sponsors, and is under the supervision of a coach/advisor/and/or director. "Extracurricular activities" do not include activities in the district's graded course of study. However, band and choir students not meeting these established standards will be excluded from all non-graded/non-credit related activities of the organization during the ensuing grade period.

As a condition for the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities, a student in grades 9-12 must have attained a minimum grade point average of 1.5 and received no more than one failing grade for any course in the district's graded course of study in the previous grade period. Middle school students must pass 75% of their course load each nine weeks to be eligible. This standard will be effective with grades earned during the first grade period of the school year. Students in grades 9-12 who fall below the 1.5 standard but are still above 1.0 in five credits of classes may enroll in the academic recovery program.

If a student who becomes ineligible under these standards improves his/her grade point average enough during the current grading period to meet the eligibility standard, s/he may be reinstated at the beginning of the next grading period.

In the case of a student being educated under an IEP, the IEP team shall determine whether or not the student has met eligibility standards appropriate for participation in an extracurricular activity.

In addition, students participating in any program regulated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) must also comply with any eligibility regulations and bylaws established by the Association.

If a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates that an exemption from this policy would be appropriate, such eligibility requirements shall be adjusted accordingly for the student. However, the OHSAA mandates may not be exempted by an IEP.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.535

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