

# POLICY

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### 2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program.

The purpose of extracurricular activities will be:

1. To develop useful new capabilities in pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
2. To develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
3. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
4. To aid pupils in the social skills; and
5. To enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For the purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" will be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities will generally be conducted outside the regular school day; be available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate and be marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution. These will ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations, and intramural and interscholastic sports. After-school activities that are a requirement for all students in a course shall not be considered extra curricular.

The Superintendent will prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which will:

1. Assess the needs and interests of pupils of this district;
2. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and



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supervision by staff;

3. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;

4. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;

5. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff; and

6. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

The guidance goal for each pupil will be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents/guardians/significant others, and the pupil. Guidance is necessary to encourage non-participants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance.

Only persons employed by the Board of Education will be permitted to organize district pupils during school time or during any recess in the school day for the purpose of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics. Any non-employee assisting in any of these activities must perform under the supervision of an employee of the Board of Education.

No activity will be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent. Fund raising activities of extra-curricular groups must be conducted in accordance with established policy.

All pupils will have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, marital or socioeconomic status, affectional or sexual orientation, age or non-applicable disability\*.

### ELIGIBILITY

A. Athletics - Grades Six through Eight

1. Fall:



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All students are eligible for the fall season. Students who receive two F's or two U's in citizenship at the end of the first marking period will be placed on probation until the end of the season. Students who do not fulfill all of the requirements of the probationary contract will be immediately removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

### 2. Winter/Spring:

Athletes who receive two F's or two U's in citizenship for the marking period immediately preceding the beginning of the season, will be eligible to participate in the sport on a probationary basis until the end of the next marking period if they fulfill all the requirements of the probationary contract. Students who began the season on probation and who receive two F's and two U's in citizenship on their report card for the marking period that occurs during the season will be ineligible to participate in the sport for the remainder of the season.

Athletes who are not on probation at the beginning of the season but receive two F's or two U's in citizenship on their report card for the marking period that occurs during the season will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. Athletes who do not fulfill all of the requirements of the probationary contract will be immediately removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

### B. Non-Athletic - Grades Six through Eight

All students are eligible at the beginning of the school year. Student eligibility will be reviewed at the end of the first, second and third marking periods.

Students who receive two F's or two U's in citizenship at the end of a marking period will be placed on probation until the end of the next marking period but may continue to participate in the activity (ies) during the marking period if they fulfill all of the requirements of the probationary contract. Students who do not fulfill all of the requirements of the probationary contract will be immediately removed from the club/activity for the remainder of the marking period.

Students who were on probation at the beginning of a marking period and receive two F's or two U's in citizenship at the end of the probationary marking period will be ineligible for participation in any club/activity for one marking period. For the marking period following the ineligibility, a student will



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be eligible to participate in a club/activity on a probationary basis if he/she has met the academic and citizenship requirements and fulfilled all of the requirements of the probationary contract. Students who do not fulfill all of the requirements of the probationary contract will be immediately removed from the club/activity for the remainder of the marking period.

### C. Athletics - Grades Nine through Twelve

#### 1. Fall/Winter Season:

All freshmen are eligible. Students other than freshmen must have passed 27.5 credits from the previous school year as determined by the final grade. Courses successfully made up during Summer may be applied to satisfy this requirement. Those students who are ineligible for the Fall Season are also ineligible for the Winter Season.

#### 2. Spring Season:

Students must demonstrate the ability to earn 27.5 credits based on the mid-year average.

### D. Non-Athletic - Grades Nine through Twelve

All freshmen are eligible for the Fall semester.

#### 1. First Semester:

Students other than freshmen must have passed 27.5 credits from the previous school year as determined by the final grade.

#### 2. Second Semester:

Students must demonstrate the ability to earn 27.5 credits for the year based on the mid-year average.

### E. All Sports/Activities - Grades Nine through Twelve

Students who are determined to be ineligible at the beginning of the season (athletics)/semester (non-athletic) are ineligible for the duration of the season (athletics)/semester (non-athletic) and are not permitted to participate in any practice, performance, competition event or meeting related to that sport/activity. Students who are eligible at the beginning of a season (athletics)/semester (non-athletic) will be considered



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eligible and will be permitted to finish the season/semester.

### F. Student Conduct

Students who are serving a detention or suspension (in school or out of school) may not practice, perform, participate or compete in any non-athletic or athletic extracurricular activity on the day(s) of the detention and/or suspension. Based on the severity or frequency of disciplinary events, students may be excluded from participating in extracurricular activities and athletics for which they are academically eligible.

### Attendance

No student may participate in any athletic or non-athletic extracurricular activity unless he/she has been present in school for at least four periods that day or has been absent for an excused reason.

### Implementation

The Superintendent will direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care will be taken to ensure that all extracurricular programs and their operation comply with district equity/non-discrimination requirements.

\*For the purpose of this policy, a disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity; i.e., walking, seeing hearing, speaking, learning, or a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having or previously having had such an impairment.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2  
39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.

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