

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and co-curricular activities enrich the education and social development and experiences of students. The District shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics: (Education Code 35160.5)

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 the selection, planning, or control of the program.
4. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.

Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit and do not take place during classroom time. Co-curricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

An activity is not an extracurricular or co-curricular activity if either of the following conditions applies: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

No extracurricular or co-curricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately and no District student's participation in extracurricular and co-curricular 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 co-curricular activities shall be limited to those that are essential to the success of the activity. (5 CCR 4925)

Any complaint regarding the district's extracurricular or co-curricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedure.

No student shall be prohibited from participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities related to the educational program because of inability to pay fees associated with the activities.

Eligibility Requirements

To encourage and promote academic excellence, students in grades 6-12 who participate in extra/co-curricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory minimum progress in meeting grade level and/or graduation requirements by undertaking the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the District.

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, students in grades 6 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period including but not limited to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. A "C-" average shall not be considered a 2.0 equivalency.
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements.

A student who does not earn a C average shall become ineligible for the succeeding grading period. However, a student who does not earn a C average shall be given the opportunity to apply for a once per year Probationary Period for the succeeding grading period. Such student shall be required to apply for this waiver and meet with the School Site's Advisory Committee to determine the course of action. A student who does not achieve the required 2.0 GPA during the Probationary Period shall not be allowed to participate in co-curricular activities in the subsequent grading period and shall remain ineligible until the next grading period that a 2.0 GPA is achieved. Entering freshman will be given a "grace period" of one grading period of automatic eligibility.

Classes taken during the summer session will be credited to the grade point average of the immediately preceding semester for eligibility purposes.

In the event a extra/co-curricular activity is conducted during the summer, and the student has no summer school grades to consider, a student's eligibility status shall be determined by the grade point average or truancy record at the end of the immediately preceding semester.

Students must be in attendance at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the school day of the extra/co-curricular activity to be eligible to participate on the day of the activity. If the activity falls on a non-school day, the student must have attended the last regular scheduled full day of school to be eligible to participate in the activity on the non-school day unless the student has a legitimate excuse arranged at least 24 hours before the activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which activities may not be entered into after the onset of the activity, assuming eligibility is achieved after commencement of the activity.

Transfer Students

Students transferring to the District from districts outside the boundaries of the Long Beach Unified School District must meet the same eligibility requirements as LBUSD students in order to participate in the extra/co-curricular activity.

Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.

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

48930-48938 Student organizations

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

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

001.90 Access to School-Related Activities and Events by Disabled Students, LO: 3-0

409.87 Requirements for Pupil Participation in Extracurricular and Co-curricular activities, AB 2613,

CIL: 86-87-11

WEB SITES

California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>

Adopted: November 24, 1986 as Eligibility for Participation in Junior and Senior High Co-curricular Activities

Revised: (no date) to Eligibility for Participation in Middle and High School Co-curricular Activities

April 15, 2008 to Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

June 17, 2008