

Instruction

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities ¹

The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed for students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation. ²
3. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.
4. Requests from students.
5. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

Noncurriculum related student groups or clubs that are not school sponsored are governed by Board policy 7:330, *Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access*. ³

Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the Student Conduct Code.

Academic Criteria for Participation

Stillman Valley High School:

For high school students, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses.

Weekly eligibility for students participating in athletics and school-sponsored activities will require that students are passing six or more classes in order to be deemed eligible each week. Grades will be reviewed each Friday at 9:00 AM; students passing fewer than six classes in a week will be academically ineligible for one calendar week (Sunday-Saturday), beginning the following Sunday and may not participate in contests, competitions, performances, or other school-sponsored events during that period. Ineligible students may continue to practice, attend meetings, or participate in team activities at the discretion of the school administration, athletic department, activity sponsor, and coaching staff. Students may regain eligibility at the next Friday grade check by earning passing grades in six or more of their classes.

Semester eligibility will be determined at the end of each academic semester. To remain eligible for athletics and school-sponsored activities during the following semester, students must earn a passing grade of D- or better in at least six classes. Students who do not meet this requirement will be academically ineligible and must successfully complete approved credit recovery coursework before eligibility can be reestablished.

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Meridian Junior High School:

For students in kindergarten through 8th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses.

On Wednesday mornings, students with a current grade of an "F" in a class will receive a letter of ineligibility stating which class or classes they are failing. This would result in the student not being eligible to compete in games/meets the following week (Sunday – Saturday). The student is required to return the letter to the office by the end of the week (2:30 pm Friday), where they are then reminded of their expectations for the coming week. If the letter is not returned, the student will be ineligible the following week. Ineligible players are required to attend and participate in practices, but can not compete in the games/meets.

All students participating in middle school clubs are expected to represent their school with respect, responsibility, and integrity. Members must follow all school rules during meetings, events, and any off-campus activities, demonstrating positive behavior, cooperation, and inclusivity toward peers and advisors. Consistent attendance, active participation, and appropriate communication are required to remain in good standing. Any behavior that is disruptive, disrespectful, or in violation of school policies may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the club at the discretion of the advisor and administration.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

