

**Consider Approval of Update to Board Policy FM (LOCAL)  
November 18, 2024**

1. Board Goal:

DOMAIN 1: Student Achievement

2. Background:

UCISD Administration is recommending that Board Policy FM (LOCAL) be updated to match SB 1517 and UIL for student eligibility and allow the exception for High School courses designated as “advanced” courses. The courses that are exempt include all Advanced Placement (AP) , Honors, and Dual Credit Courses in the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English. Administration recommends setting the grade limit for eligibility for these courses at 60. Currently, UCISD holds the standard for all students at a 70 for eligibility, which discourages some athletes from taking advanced courses. Most advanced courses receive 10 points added to the student’s GPA on the student’s final average. This proposal basically acknowledges the 10 point addition for eligibility requirements every 3 weeks.

I. Student Eligibility

- Eligibility for participation is defined in the Texas Education Code, Section 33.081
- Student must maintain a passing grade in ALL classes to perform, compete or participate in any activity designated as “extracurricular”
- Exception: High School courses designated as “advanced” courses are exempt from this rule
  - SB 1517 – The courses that are exempt include all Advanced Placement (AP) , Honors, and Dual Credit Courses in the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English.
  - **Please note:** there are no exempted courses at the junior high (grades 6-8) level.

3. Recommendation:

I recommend board approval of the update to board policy FM (LOCAL) to exempt all Advanced Placement (AP) , Honors, and Dual Credit Courses in the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English from the 70 average for eligibility purposes and set the standard for eligibility for these courses at a 60 average.

4. Contact Person:

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**Extracurricular  
Activity Absences**

The District shall make no distinction between absences for UIL activities and absences for other extracurricular activities approved by the Board.

A student shall be allowed in a school year a maximum of 20 extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition; however, a student shall be allowed unlimited absences for participation in post-district, state, or national competition.

A student shall be permitted additional extracurricular absences in accordance with administrative procedures when he or she has a passing average in all courses and receives prior approval from the campus principal.

[For eligibility of a private school student, including a homeschool student, to participate in extracurricular activities, see FD(LOCAL).]

**Advanced / Honors  
Courses**

~~The Board has chosen to establish strict academic standards for participation in extracurricular activities; therefore, all students, including those enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit courses, and locally designated honors or advanced courses shall be subject to the “no pass, no play” guidelines.~~

The Board seeks to encourage participation in advanced academics; therefore, all High School students who choose to challenge themselves in Advanced Academic courses as defined by SB 1517, including all Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and Dual Credit Courses in the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English, will be exempt from maintaining a 70 average to be eligible for extracurricular participation. Due to additional points being added to students' GPAs for Advanced Academic courses, the minimum grade average for student eligibility in extracurricular activities for the courses listed above will be a 60.

**Use of District  
Facilities**

School-sponsored student groups may use District facilities with prior approval of the appropriate administrator. Other student groups may use District facilities in accordance with policy FNAB.

ADOPTED: