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The development and sponsorship of appropriate voluntary student clubs and organizations shall be authorized in the District with the adoption by such organizations of constitutions, bylaws, rules, and regulations controlling various aspects of such organizations' membership and operation. Such organizational purposes, organizational documents, and membership requirements shall be subject to approval by the Superintendent or designee prior to adoption or implementation. The Superintendent's decision of approval or disapproval may, upon request, be appealed to and reviewed by the Board.

In disciplinary situations involving possible barring, removing, or dismissing a student from membership in such voluntary organizations, the hearing procedures set forth in FOD(LEGAL) and the Student Code of Conduct shall be followed.

Extracurricular Activity Absences

13-Day Rule

The District shall not schedule nor permit any student to participate in an extracurricular activity or a public performance that would require, permit, or allow the student to be absent from class in any course more than 13 times during the school year through District competition. A maximum of five absences for post-District competition and four absences for UIL state competition shall be allowed. The Superintendent shall, by a regulation, provide a mechanism for a student to request additional absences for UIL competition.

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

Use of District Facilities

Eligibility

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.

Students in an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course, or in an honors or dual credit course in English, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or a language other than English, shall be exempt from no pass, no play provisions. These provisions shall include dual credit courses in English, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or a language other than English taught off campus, as well as a dual credit course taught on the high school campus by university or community college personnel.

The evaluation periods for eligibility shall be as follows:

1. Grades of all students shall be checked at the end of the first six weeks of school.

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- 2. Grades of ineligible students shall be checked on a three week basis following the first six weeks of school.
- 3. Student eligibility status shall become effective seven days after the end of the grade evaluation period. The same rule shall apply if an incomplete ("I") is on record. Students with an incomplete shall regain their eligibility when the "I" is replaced with a passing grade in the records office or the appropriate school personnel are notified.

A student activity program shall be maintained in each District school.

Student Activity /-Extracurricular Program

All student activities shall be designed to contribute to the moral, physical, aesthetic, and social development of participating students.

The student activity program of each school shall be evaluated from time to time to determine:

- 1. The degree to which the program is serving the needs of the individual students: and
- 2. The degree of contribution to the total school program. These

same determinations should be made as new activities are planned.

The desired goal for each student shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents, and the student. This should be a shared responsibility.

Staff guidance is necessary to encourage the nonparticipants who need activities and to prevent the over-enthusiastic from over-emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance.

Intramural programs shall be developed within the several schools that will provide opportunities for the students to experience wholesome and healthy competitive activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures to carry out the intent of this policy.