

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize that extracurricular and co-curricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. The County Office of Education shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

No extracurricular or co-curricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately, and no County Office of Education student's participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities shall be required or refused, based on the student's sex, 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)

(cf. 0410.3 - Nondiscrimination in Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Any complaint regarding the County Office of Education's extracurricular and co-curricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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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 activity.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, students in grades 7-12 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
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

The County Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period of not more than one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Any decision regarding the eligibility of any child in foster care or a child of a military family for extracurricular or co-curricular activities shall be made by the County Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

The County Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Co-curricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities on or off campus, students are subject to County Office of Education policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate County Office of Education policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or co-curricular activities in accordance with County Office of Education policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

The County Superintendent of Schools shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35145 Public meetings

35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia

35181 Students' responsibilities

48850 Participation of foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports

48930-48938 Student organizations

49700-49704 Education of children of military families

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:

CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Preliminary Final Report, March 2009

WEB SITES.

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

California Department of Education, Educational Options Office:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/mc>

California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/>