

WESTMORLAND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board Policy No. 5009: PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A. General Provisions

1. Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics:
  - a. The program is supervised or financed by the District.
  - b. Pupils participating in the program represent the District.
  - c. Pupils exercise some degree of freedom as determined by the administration in either the selection, planning, or control of the program.
  - d. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
2. 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.
3. Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom or during the school day.
4. A program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of pupils is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity under this Policy.

B. Academic Eligibility Requirements

1. In order to encourage and promote academic excellence, all pupils participating in extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period, from report card to progress report or progress report to report card.
2. "Satisfactory education progress" is required to be eligible for participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities. A pupil shall have earned a minimum 2.0 or "C" grade point average during the preceding grading period in all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale to be considered as having achieved satisfactory educational progress for the purposes of eligibility to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

3. The "previous grading period" does not include any grading period in which the pupil was not in attendance for all, or a majority of the grading period due to excused absences. In that event, the previous grading period from report card to progress report or progress report to report card is deemed to mean the grading period immediately prior to the grading period or periods excluded.  
The "previous grading period" includes any grading period in which the pupil was not in attendance for all or a majority of the grading period due to unexcused absences, unless, in the judgment of the Superintendent, participation would contribute to enhancing the pupil's achievement in the educational program.
4. Eligibility will be determined within five school days of the end of each grading period.
5. An incomplete (I) grade is not a passing grade. For the purpose of eligibility, it will be counted as an "F" until cleared. When cleared, and a letter grade given, eligibility status will be redetermined.

C. Probationary Period

1. A pupil who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period may remain eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities during a probationary period. An incoming pupil with a grade point average during the preceding grading period of less than 2.0 or "C" grade shall be automatically placed on probation.
2. The probationary period shall be for one grading period. During the probationary period, the pupil will be monitored on a regular basis.
3. Pupils who are eligible for differential standards of proficiency pursuant to Board Policy are covered by this Policy, consistent with any allowances for disabilities.
4. A pupil who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress as defined herein during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities in the subsequent grading period.
5. With the Agreement of the Superintendent and the Jr. High teachers, special needs students (i.e. Special Ed) may be given a waiver to participate in extracurricular activities if they have less than a 2.0 G.P.A.

D. Appeal Process

A decision on eligibility by the Superintendent's designee may be appealed in writing to

the Superintendent.

E. Annual Review

This Policy shall be annually reviewed by the Board.

F. Required Supervision

All extracurricular and cocurricular activities of the District shall be under the general supervision of District employees.

Legal Reference:

Education Code section 35160.5(a)

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