

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

FILE: JJ

TITLE: Middle/High School Extracurricular/Athletic Program

POLICY:

The extracurricular/athletic program shall be considered an essential part of the total school program and shall be under the principal's direction and general supervision. The principal shall select the personnel to direct and to act as advisors for the various extracurricular/athletic activities. Care shall be exercised to limit the load assigned to any one teacher.

For eligibility purposes, a grading period is defined as 18 calendar weeks regardless of the scheduling system used at a school. Students are only able to participate in extracurricular/athletic activities at the school in which they are enrolled.

Because the instructional needs of students and the instructional time required for meeting those needs take precedence over other school activities, instructional time will be protected. Consistent criteria for determining student eligibility for participation in extracurricular/athletic activities, including extracurricular/athletic activities that are off-campus, those that involve competition and/or are part of a competitive event or those that require participating students to miss class will be implemented and monitored.

- (1) Students in grades 6 through 12 who fail to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or who fail to earn a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in the previous semester may not participate in extracurricular/athletic activities that are off-campus, those that involve competition and/or are part of a competitive event or those that require participating students to miss class.
 - (a) Eligibility for participation in athletic activities governed by the Florida High School Athletic Association is determined by applying the current FHSAA criteria.
- (2) Students in grades 6 through 12 who have been excluded from participation in extracurricular/athletic activities because they failed to meet the grade point average criteria set forth in (1) above, but meet the grade point average criteria in a subsequent grading period shall be eligible for participation in extracurricular/athletic activities that are off-campus, those that involve competition and/or are part of a competitive event or those that require participating students to miss class during the semester immediately following the attainment of the required grade point average.
 - (a) A student who is exempt from attending a full school day under Section 1000.21 Florida Statutes, shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular/athletic activities by passing each class in which enrolled and maintaining the appropriate grade point average as outlined in Section (1).

- (b) Students shall obtain written permission from their parents or legal guardians to participate in any extracurricular/athletic activities. The written permission shall be filed in the student's record.
 - (c) A student shall satisfy any other requirements for participation as established by the school board.
 - (d) In order to participate in extracurricular/athletic programs, the student must adhere to school board policies, school-based criteria, the Rules and Regulations of the Florida High School Athletic Association (where applicable) and applicable law. The behavioral expectations placed upon the student by the school can extend beyond the classroom and school campus. Pursuant to Florida law, the school board has the authority to withhold privileges from students. Any student who commits a felony, charged with or adjudicated guilty of a felony or a felony probation, shall be excluded from participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities and athletics for a period of up to one calendar year or longer.
 - (e) An individual home education student is eligible to participate in extracurricular/athletic activities at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school attendance area policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions.
- (3) The principal shall be responsible for determining each participant's eligibility for extracurricular/athletic activities. Any high school which allows an ineligible student to participate shall be subject to the penalties set forth by the bylaws of the Florida High School Athletics Association, Inc.
 - (4) Students shall not be excluded from participating in extracurricular/athletic activities for lack of money for dues, materials or uniforms.
 - (5) Funds derived from extracurricular/athletic activities shall be processed according to the district accounting procedures.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED:

Section 1000.21, 1003.43, 1006.15, 1006.20,
Florida Statutes

ADOPTED: 12/14/10

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (cont.)

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TITLE: Dissemination of Information Regarding All Extra-Curricular Activities at Each Middle and High School

POLICY:

The Orange County School Board believes that information regarding extra-curricular activities, clubs and organizations should be disseminated in a timely and organized manner at every Orange County Public middle and high school. As such, the Superintendent shall designate the appropriate staff responsible for:

- (1) Ensuring that adequate information about athletic and non-athletic extra-curricular activities is available on a timely basis to all students in middle and high school. Timely notification shall be in advance of the commencement of each school year and/or in advance of the dates when pupils must engage in "tryouts" or otherwise must indicate their interest in participating in the extra-curricular activity.
- (2) Coordinating with area superintendents, principals or any other administrators of high schools and middle schools to ensure that comprehensive lists of extracurricular clubs, organizations, athletic teams, etc., including official sponsor contact instructions and information about deadlines for expressing interest in participating are prepared and updated on a timely basis.
- (3) Ensuring the comprehensive lists are made available in a written format at each middle and high school and that a link to the list is clearly provided for on each school's home page website.
- (4) Ensuring that the appropriate school administrators provide the comprehensive list, upon request, to any Parent Teacher Organization, Parent Teacher Association, or any interested parent or student at each middle school and high school.
- (5) Ensuring that information concerning each anticipated extra-curricular activity for the school year is distributed to students and parents at each middle and high school at the beginning of each school year. In order to comply with this provision, the school may include such information in the Parent Guide, the Student Code of Conduct, or any similar publication receipt of which must be acknowledged by parents.
- (6) Reviewing, during the first semester of each school year, the materials available at each school and on the school's website to assure that each school is in compliance and that the comprehensive list is accessible, accurate and thorough.
- (7) Ensuring that at the beginning of each school year, the District shall utilize its Connect Orange automated telephone call system, or a similar program of mass communication, to notify and remind all registered middle and high school students and parents of the availability of complete information about extra-curricular activity opportunities at their school.

- (8) Providing to the Superintendent by no later than the conclusion of the second nine week grading period a written summary of the compliance by all middle and high schools in the District with the requirements of this policy. The written summary shall thereafter be posted on the District's website, together with any comments or other information from the Superintendent on the subject.

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