

## **EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Extracurricular/cocurricular activities include interscholastic teams, ASB, pep squad, cheerleaders, drill team, flag team, band, orchestra, choral, drama, and similar programs requiring practice and performance time beyond a class period for which unit credit may or may not be granted.

Excluded from these regulations are activities or programs such as yearbook, newspaper, student league, letter clubs, honorary or scholarship or other voluntary clubs or associations.

The following requirements apply to all extracurricular/cocurricular activities. Some activities may have additional special requirements, approved by the principal, such as: mandatory attendance at rehearsals and performances; student responsibility for uniform cleaning; specific standards of conduct at practices, rehearsals, while in uniform, etc. Participating in summer activities such as summer camp and club ball shall not be a condition for participating on school teams and/or performing groups. Also, students will not be required to participate in performances, practices, etc. on the days of their religious observances, nor shall they be penalized for not participating on those days. Academic requirements may not exceed those listed below, except as provided by the California Interscholastic Federation rules governing interscholastic sports.

The principal or designee will provide copies of all regulations for all students at appropriate times during the school year.

### **Academic**

#### **California Interscholastic Federal Requirements**

The California Interscholastic Federation Requirements (CIF) requires that in order to be eligible, a student must have passed the equivalent of 20 semester credits of new work the previous report period. Only one of the subjects may be physical education.

#### **Hart High School District Requirements**

A. A student shall be enrolled in and have passed a minimum of 20 semester credits of new work (a make-up class is not considered new work) with a GPA of 2.0 or higher at the grading period which determines eligibility to be academically eligible to participate in extracurricular/cocurricular activities. Only one of the subjects may be Physical Education.

B. A senior student whose earned credits exceed normal progress toward graduation may be enrolled in fewer than 20 semester credits and still participate in activities other than interscholastic athletics.

C. The GPA shall be computed using all classes in which the student is enrolled at the grading period which determines eligibility.

D. Students enrolled in courses offered on a variable unit of credit basis must have attained the total of 20 semester credits at the conclusion of the semester to remain eligible for the following quarter.

E. Credits and grades earned in alternative schools or programs for which school credit is granted shall be combined with credits and grades earned in the comprehensive school to compute the grade requirements as specified in A and B above.

F. Summer school credit shall be counted toward making up scholastic deficiencies incurred in the grading period immediately preceding. These grades shall be combined with the preceding quarter's grades to compute the GPA. This shall apply to all activities covered by these regulations. In the event a class is repeated, the grade will be replaced if the grade is higher in the course taken in summer school. A course repeated in summer school will eliminate the course grade given when it was taken the first time in determining GPA for eligibility, if the repeated class is the exact class taken during the previous fourth quarter grade report.

At no time may a student count more than the allowable one class of Physical Education for the combined preceding grading period and summer school work. Summer school courses failed shall not impair a student's eligibility achieved in the grading period preceding.

G. Period of Eligibility – Academic

1. The fourth quarter (second semester) of the previous school year determines eligibility for the first quarter of the current school year.

2. The first quarter grades determine eligibility for the second quarter.

3. The second quarter grades (first semester grades) determine eligibility for the third quarter.

4. Third quarter grades determine eligibility for the fourth quarter.

H. Grade Checks

The principal will certify extracurricular/cocurricular eligibility within three school days after the end of the grading period and will notify the appropriate coaches and advisors. The principal, or administrative designee, will verify eligibility at the conclusion of the last school day of the progress reporting period of any grading quarter.

I. Length of Ineligibility

1. When a student is ruled ineligible by failing to meet standards as established by the CIF and/or the district, that student remains ineligible through midnight of the third day of the new quarter (the exception would be a student ineligible during quarter 4 who returns to a sport in the first quarter of the following year). Grade changes (except in cases of verified teacher error) shall not affect eligibility status.

2. Except for athletic eligibility, if the student has met the standards for eligibility as established by the school district, he/she will become eligible at midnight on the third school day after the end of the progress reporting period of a grading quarter and retain eligibility for the

remainder of the quarter. For athletic eligibility there will be no change of status at the progress reporting periods. Student athletes are eligible or ineligible until the next official grade reporting period (either quarter or semester).

3. If the student has not met the standards for eligibility as established by the school district, he/she will remain ineligible for the remainder of that grading quarter and three school days of the following quarter.

4. All entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are automatically eligible during the first quarter of the school year. If, however, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student enters with a GPA below 2.0 on his last grade report, the principal shall assure that his/her academic progress is monitored and appropriate measures be taken to remedy any problem.

### **Miscellaneous Provisions – Academics**

A. An “Incomplete” (I) grade is not a passing grade. For the purpose of eligibility, it will be considered an “F” until cleared. When cleared, eligibility status will be redetermined.

B. Selection. An ineligible student shall not be elected/appointed/selected for any extracurricular/cocurricular activity.

C. Tryouts. An ineligible student may be allowed to try out for cocurricular/extracurricular activities that commence in the subsequent eligibility period; however, selection shall depend on eligibility at the time the activity commences.

D. Practice. An ineligible student shall be allowed to participate in practice sessions, rehearsals, workouts, etc.

E. All existing procedures, including physical examination, insurance, and fees, will apply to ineligible students trying out or practicing for an activity. Fees charged are not refundable based on ineligibility.

### **Citizenship**

A. Suspension. A student on suspension (in-school or out-of-school suspension) is ineligible to attend or participate in activities throughout the period of suspension, which shall extend to the morning of the first school day after the suspension has expired.

B. Additional restrictions. If a student is found guilty of committing a suspendable offense, whether or not suspended, the principal or designee has the discretion of suspending that student from participating in one or more activities.

C. Alcohol/drug use. Any student involved in extracurricular/cocurricular activities who possesses, uses, sells or otherwise furnishes, or is under the influence of, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, en route to school or at school or away from school during the school day or en route home or in conjunction with any school sponsored activity, including the interim between end of school and any later school activity in which the student is to participate or attend, shall be subject to:

1. Immediate five (5) days' out-of-school suspension.
2. Immediate dismissal/exclusion from all extracurricular/cocurricular teams or organizations for the remainder of the duration of the current activity or season or semester, as applicable. An alternative credit-earning option shall be provided in the event of dismissal from a credit program.
3. Transfer to another school or educational program for a prescribed length of time.
4. Denial of any letter, honor, award, certificate, or banquet attendance, to which otherwise entitled for the remainder of the duration of the current activity or season or semester, as applicable.
5. Possible arrest.
6. Possible expulsion.

D. Any appeal which a student and/or parent/guardian wishes to make concerning disciplinary action shall be directed to the principal of the school which the student attends.

### **Attendance**

Full School Day – Students are required to attend all classes in which they enrolled (except those classes which must be missed because of travel time to the game or event) in order to participate in a game or event that afternoon or evening.

Medical and dental appointments shall be made on days other than “participation” days. If a student must be absent for an appointment, proper school procedure must be followed to clear the absence in order to permit participation.

If the student does not comply with this attendance regulation and in violation participates in an activity, that student shall be denied participation in the next two regular activities and may face additional disciplinary action.

The principal or designee shall verify compliance with the attendance regulation.

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