

**EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Definitions**

For purposes of applying eligibility criteria for student participation, extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be defined as follows:

1. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, do not take place during classroom time, and have all of the following characteristics:
  - a. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
  - b. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
  - c. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning or control of the program.
  - d. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
2. Cocurricular *activities* are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if it is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

**Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities, a student in grades 7 and 8 shall have earned a minimum 2.0 or "C" grade point average (GPA) in academics, citizenship, and effort.

1. Each junior high/middle school staff shall plan appropriate social activities, i.e., dances, skating parties, for junior high/middle school students. The plan shall reflect input from students, teachers and parents/guardians. The activities planned shall reflect a balance in number and types of activities suitable for junior high/middle school students.
2. An activity plan shall be developed at the beginning of the school year; subject to change depending upon the needs of the students, as determined by the principal and junior high/middle school staff and approved by the principal.
3. Evening activities are to be held in compliance with curfew regulations.
4. The principal shall insure that adequate adult supervision is provided and that appropriate safety and security measures are observed.

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### **Eight Grade Excursion Day**

Annually, eighth grade students in the district participate in an Excursion Day which is scheduled towards the end of the school year and is considered to be a regular part of student activities.

Under the direction of the principal, the middle school staff will assume the primary responsibility for the Excursion Day activity. If a parent/guardian organization (PTA) wishes to assist/sponsor this activity, it may do so if it has approval of the principal.

The Excursion Day activity may include a visit to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, or other recreational attractions in the vicinity. In planning the Excursion Day, each school is to adhere to the following procedure:

### **Excursion Day Plan**

An Excursion Day plan shall be submitted to the Office of Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services. The plan is to be submitted 30 calendar days prior to the activity. The plan is to include the following information:

- Date (A regular school day may be utilized.)
- Place to be visited.
- Time, length of activity, and return time.
- Student cost, if any.

### **Transportation**

Business Services is to be made aware of transportation needs by the principal 30 calendar days in advance. All transportation arrangements will be made by Business Services.

### **Supervision**

All extracurricular activities conducted under the name or auspices of a district school or any class or organization of the school, regardless of where the activities are held, shall be under the direct supervision of certificated employees.

Any noncertificated person working with students in a district-sponsored extracurricular student activity program shall possess an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or shall have cleared a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check prior to beginning his/her duties, in accordance with BP 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches.

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Each school shall be responsible for collection of any or all admission fees. Ticket orders are to be processed through Business Services. If district funds are being requested for payment of fees for teachers, a travel request form is to be submitted then 10 working days in advance to Business Services.

**Student Participation**

District standards for participation in the promotion excursion activity shall be:

1. A child must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.00 for the first and second trimester and the first six weeks of the third trimester of the 8th grade. This cumulative GPA will be computed in the following areas in order for a child to be eligible:
  - a. Academic cumulative GPA of 2.00
  - b. Effort cumulative GPA of 2.00
  - c. Citizenship cumulative GPA of 2.00
2. The cumulative GPA shall be obtained from the district approved report cards for the first two trimesters and the third trimester progress report of the 8th grade year.
3. Parents/Guardians of the 8th grade student who does not meet anyone or more of the minimum requirements will be notified after each report card by mail. The parent/guardian letter will review the student's academic, effort, and citizenship GPA's, recommend additional intervention, and make clear the consequences if improvement is not made.
4. If a student does not qualify to participate in 8th grade excursion activity at the third trimester progress report of eighth grade, he/she may petition the principal or designee for a school appeal during the third trimester. If enough progress has been made and demonstrated by the date of the appeal, the principal or designee may recommend the student participate in the excursion activity.
5. Any student transferring into a district school from another school in the district shall transfer his/her grades/effort/citizenship with him/her. Any student transferring into the district from outside the district will be required to meet the minimum district promotion standards of a 2.0 GPA in academics, effort, and citizenship from the date of enrollment in the district in order to be eligible to participate in the excursion activity.

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6. Any student with more than three out-of-school suspensions during his/her 8th grade year will not be eligible to participate in the excursion activity. There will be no appeal process privilege.

When a student becomes ineligible to participate in the upcoming school year, or when he/she is subject to probation, the principal or designee shall provide written notice to the student and his/her parents/guardians. The principal shall also consult with the student's teacher(s) in deciding on a program of remediation to improve the student's academic progress.