

# LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board Policy No. 5011

### PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#### A. INTRODUCTION

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and co-curricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. The Board believes it is important to encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

#### B. DEFINITIONS

1. Extracurricular activities are those programs that have the following characteristics:
  - a. The program is supervised or financed by the District.
  - b. Students participating in the program represent the 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.
  - e. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, and do not take place during class time.
2. Co-curricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular class.
3. An activity is not an extracurricular or co-curricular activity if it has either of the following characteristics:
  - a. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course that satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or University of California. This includes performance-based activities including, but not limited to, musical groups and auxiliary units, choral productions, drama productions, and dance productions.
  - b. It is a program that has, as its primary goal, the improvement of academic or educational achievements of students.

## C. ELIGIBILITY

### 1. General Provisions

- a. To encourage and promote academic excellence, all students participating in extracurricular or co-curricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period. "Previous grading period" is defined as the immediately preceding six-week period in which a student received either a regular report card or progress report and does not include summer sessions. Incoming ninth grade students are automatically eligible through the first grading period.
- b. To demonstrate "satisfactory educational progress," a student shall have earned a minimum 2.0 or "C" grade point average in graded classes (i.e., non-pass/fail classes) during the previous grading period in all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale. A student shall also maintain minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements. All students shall be enrolled in a minimum of five graded classes. Classes taken for pass/fail are not included in the calculation for the grade point average.
- c. 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 re-determined.
- d. A determination of eligibility shall be made by the principal or designee and shall be effective on the first calendar day immediately following the determination.
- e. Eligibility shall be determined within five school days following the end of each grading period.
- f. If a student is ineligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities due to a failure to demonstrate satisfactory educational progress, the student will not regain eligibility until the student achieves at least a 2.0 grade point average in a subsequent full grading period.
- g. If a student becomes ineligible for the fall semester of an upcoming school year, the student may regain eligibility if the grades achieved in the summer session immediately before the fall semester of the upcoming school year are at least a 2.0 grade point average when calculated with the grades for the entire preceding spring semester.

### 2. Probationary Period

- a. A student who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period may remain eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities during a probationary period, subject to the following:
  - i. The student shall be permitted no more than one probationary period during his or her high school experience.

ii. The parent or guardian of the student, with the guidance of the principal or designee, shall carry the privilege for deciding when the student will use his or her single probationary period.

b. The probationary period shall be for one grading period.

c. A student who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress during the probationary period shall not be eligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities in the subsequent grading period.

### 3. Compliance with Applicable Rules and/or Regulations

a. The principal or designee has the discretion to determine a student ineligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities for engaging in any type of inappropriate behavior, including, but not limited to, the following:

i. Violation of school rules. A student is required to comply with all school rules. Under no circumstances shall students who are suspended from school or expelled from the District be eligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities during the period of the suspension or expulsion.

ii. Violation of rules and regulations applicable to the activity. A student who participates in any extracurricular or co-curricular activity is required to comply with all rules and regulations applicable to the activity which may be promulgated by the principal, designee, and/or activity coach or advisor.

iii. Failure to comply with directives. A student is required to comply with all directives from the principal and/or the activity coach and/or advisor.

iv. Violation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) rules and regulations. A student is required to comply with all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by CIF. A student who participates in any sport is required to exhibit fair play, sportsmanship, and respect for all officials, coaches, and other participants.

b. The principal or designee may determine the length of time that the student will remain ineligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities due to any type of inappropriate behavior.

### 4. Appeal Process

a. A decision on eligibility by the principal or designee may be appealed in writing to the Superintendent or designee.

b. The Superintendent's or designee's decision shall be final.

c. The student shall remain ineligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities during the appeal process.

## 5. Special Provisions Relating To Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

a. To the extent that a co-curricular activity is affiliated with a regular classroom activity and/or curriculum, care must be taken to ensure that a student, who is otherwise ineligible, is not removed or prevented from participating in the regular classroom and/or curriculum, and that such student's grade and/or credit(s) shall not be affected due to any non-classroom-based or non-curriculum-based activity in which the student is ineligible to participate.

b. If a student is receiving a grade or credit(s) for participation in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity and the student becomes ineligible, the District shall provide the student with an alternative graded activity.

6. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit or alter CIF rules and regulations, school rules, or any other rules applicable to the extracurricular or co-curricular activity.

## Legal References

### EDUCATION CODE:

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations  
35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia  
35181 Students' responsibilities  
48850 Participation of students in foster care  
48930-48938 Student organizations  
49700-49704 Education of students in military families  
48900 *et seq.* Suspension and expulsion

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

350 Fees not permitted  
4925 Non-discrimination in extracurricular and co-curricular programs  
5531 Supervision of students participating in extracurricular activities

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