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2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of students, and to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students in grades two through twelve. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities. Pay an activity fee that students may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and students may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular event and trips.

For Purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and do not include athletic competitions and practices. Co-curricular activities may be related to the curriculum but are for not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities by organizations of students during student activity periods. No group of students, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at their meeting.

No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Superintendent, unless Board expends finances, then Board approval is required.

Students shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.

The co-curricular program is regarded as an integral part of school life. Students are urged to give consideration to those extra-curricular activities which the school sponsors and to become involved in at least one activity.



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Eligibility - High School

The New Jersey State Board of Education mandates that all school districts adopt eligibility requirements for students who wish to participate in athletic and extra-curricular activities. Accordingly, the Haddonfield Board of Education has adopted the following policy:

A. Credit Requirements

1. To be eligible for co-curricular activities during the first semester of the 10th grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in the secondary school or beyond, a student must have passed 27.5 credits during the preceding academic year. (This provision shall not apply to incoming 8th graders).
2. To be eligible for co-curricular activities which begin during the second semester a student must have passed the equivalent of 13.75 credits at the close of the first semester. Full year courses shall be equated to semester courses to determine credits passed during the preceding semester.

B. Scholastic Achievement Requirements:

1. In order to maintain eligibility, a student must maintain a scholastic average of 77 (C) during each of the four marking periods.
2. A student will be declared ineligible if he or she receives two or more grades below 70 during any marking period regardless of his/her total scholastic average.

Only grades in courses taken that marking period will be used in eligibility computation.

The marking period grade will be used for a course still in progress.

A course, which is dropped and by policy receives an F grade is counted only in the marking period in which the course was dropped.

3. A student may have eligibility reinstated by raising his/her scholastic average during the next reporting. "77" while passing all but one course.

C. Student Behavior Requirements

1. The Principal may deny eligibility to any student who has exhibited either chronic or serious misbehavior. Possession or use of alcohol or drugs and behavior which jeopardizes the health and safety of other students are examples of serious misbehavior which will result in a student being declared ineligible.



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Eligibility for participation in activities is determined each September by the student's cumulative average and the number of credits earned during the preceding school year. A student who has not earned 27.5 credits, has an average lower than "77", or who has failed two subjects will be ineligible for activities which begin in September.

A student who has earned fewer than 27.5 credits in an academic year will be ineligible until the end of the first semester unless he/she attends summer school and earned enough credits to reach the 27.5 credit requirement prior to September.

A student who has an average below "77" or who has failed two courses in June will be ineligible and will remain ineligible unless he/she has attended summer school to correct these deficiencies. A student in this category may become eligible at the end of any marking period as long as he/she is not failing more than one course and his/her average is "77".

Eligibility Middle School

To become and remain eligible for participation in extracurricular activities, students must be in good academic standing and demonstrate responsible school behavior and attendance habits.

1. The mid-marking period report will be used, together with teacher recommendations, to determine whether a student will receive "probationary" status. Then on "probationary" status, a contract shall be developed to help the student improve his or her grade(s).
2. A student who has an average less than "77" in any class will be placed on probationary status and placed on a contract to help them improve their grade(s). During the contract, they will remain eligible for extracurricular activities.
3. Any student who fails one or more major academic subjects will be placed on a contract and given two weeks to raise their grade. If grade is not improved, the student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity.
4. In order to participate in any extracurricular school activity, club, sport, or Rec Hall, a student must in school attendance a minimum of four hours on the day of the activity. If the activity is on a Saturday or on a Sunday or on a day that school is not in-session, the student must be in school attendance at least four hours on the previous school day. Students who are late to school and arrive after 9:30 am without a legitimate excuse or who leave early and are not in attendance for four or more hours may not participate in extracurricular activities unless permission is granted by the principal.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the students of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.



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