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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY
ELIGIBILITY

All interscholastic activities twelve (12) that are 1) of a competitive nature and involve more than one (1) school where a championship, winner, or rating is determined and 2) endeavors for which no credit is earned in meeting graduation or promotion requirements that are of a continuous and ongoing nature, organized, planned, or sponsored by the District, consistent with District policy, shall be conducted under the provisions of this policy. Such activities will be established and designed to offer students worthwhile athletic and leisure-time interests, wholesome recreational and social activity, and an opportunity to develop skills in democratic and cooperative management for these activities. These programs will be appropriate to the maturity of students and as varied as staff and facilities permit.

All such activities conducted under the auspices of the District shall be under the direct supervision of the certificated individual responsible for the activity.

It is necessary to have the extracurricular activities function within a realistic framework of control. In order that overenthusiastic students do not place a social or athletic function on a higher plane than the academic program, the following policy will be adhered to:

- Ineligibility will start Monday of the second (2nd) week of the first and second semester.
- Student pending ineligibility notices will be part of the weekly check. Any extracurricular student who has a cumulative grade of *D* in any class will receive pending notice. Any student who in a cumulative grade check has a grade of *F* will receive pending ineligible notice the first week. (Referring to the third bullet).
- A student whose cumulative grade is failing (*F*) in one (1) or more classes on the Monday of each week will be given either a pending ineligible notice if it is the first failing grade of that week or will be declared ineligible if the student has had two (2) consecutive grade checks in which the student has failed a class, regardless of which classes the student has failed.
- A student who is failing at the cumulative grade check period will remain ineligible from the Monday of the grade check period through the following Sunday after which grades will be checked again. This includes Saturday events if applicable. During this time frame there will be no changed in grades.
- The Athletic Director/sponsor will inform the student of the warning status. If the student does not improve the cumulative grade by the next grade check reporting time, a letter will be sent home informing the parents/guardians of the student's ineligibility.
- A student may not be declared ineligible in a new school year because of a previous year's failing grade.
- Activities that are not interscholastic in nature and are conducted as a result of a curricular offering are not considered to be governed by the above eligibility standards. If a student is enrolled in a curriculum course that requires the student to participate in an interscholastic activity, and the student is ineligible to do so, the student may not be penalized for nonparticipation. Instead, the teacher may provide the student with an alternative task to compensate for missing interscholastic activity. Students will be allowed to participate in home activity events when their performance is an extension of a curricular offering.

After-school intervention is available to assist students in meeting or exceeding academic standards required for participation in Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)-sponsored activities. Each student declared ineligible shall attend after-school intervention in a designated location as determined by the athletic director.

Students whose behavior presents a problem or jeopardizes school discipline may be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities until such time as their behavior warrants reinstatement.

The same general standards shall apply for special education students except that such eligibility shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in relationship to the respective students' individual education programs.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to ensure that:

- Necessary documents in support of this policy are maintained.
- Necessary data related to ineligible students are collected and reported as required by law.
- The cultural traditions of students are considered when establishing or enforcing rules related to participation in extracurricular activities.
- The requirements of this policy are met.

The Superintendent may develop additional rules or procedures for the proper conduct of extracurricular programs and the implementation of the provisions of this policy.

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