

**Berkeley Unified School District
Board Policy
Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities**

BP 6145

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic listed as a prohibited category of discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases. (5 CCR 4925)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the district's extracurricular or cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Unless specifically authorized by law, no student shall be charged a fee

for his/her participation in educational activities, including extracurricular and cocurricular activities and materials or equipment related to such activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 9-12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled classes
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 6-8 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous quarter grading period, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Maintenance of a minimum of a 3 in Habits of Work (HOW) on a 4 point grade scale in all classes.
2. Students must fully participate in Physical Education classes in order to participate in the athletic programs daily.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. (Education Code 35160.5)

Any decision regarding the eligibility of a homeless student, foster youth,

or child of an active duty military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities on or off campus, district students are subject to district policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate district policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations. (Education Code 35160.5)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35145 Public meetings
35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters
subject to regulation
35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia
35181 Students' responsibilities
48850 Participation of homeless students and foster youth in
extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports
48930-48938 Student organizations
49010-49013 Student fees
49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate
49700-49704 Education of children of military families
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 9, Section 5 Common school system
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
350 Fees not permitted
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education
programs receiving state financial assistance
5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments
COURT DECISIONS
Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory
12-02, April 24, 2013
CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Preliminary
Final Report, March 2009
COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS
Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor
Clearance Certificate (ASCC), Coded Correspondence 10-11, July 20,
2010
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics: (Education Code [35160.5](#))

1. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
2. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
3. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning or control of the program.
4. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.

Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit and do not take place during classroom time. (Education Code [35160.5](#))

Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (Education Code [35160.5](#))

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if either of the following conditions applies: (Education Code [35160.5](#))

1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

Eligibility Requirements

The grade point average used to determine eligibility shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. (Education Code [35160.5](#))

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