

## PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Board of Education encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities including interscholastic athletics. The administration and teachers will abide by this policy when determining student eligibility. Extended day instructional support and expanded learning are not considered as extracurricular activities.

The following individuals shall be solely responsible for determining eligibility: (1) the Director of Athletics for interscholastic athletics, (2) the Fine and Performing Arts Director for middle school and high school musical and drama performances. The Director of Athletics is solely responsible for disseminating the Athletic eligibility list to all staff on a daily basis. The Director of Fine and Performing Arts is solely responsible for disseminating the Musical/Drama performance eligibility list to all staff on a daily basis. In the event the Director of Athletics/Director of Fine and Performing Arts is absent, the Superintendent will assign the task to a trained substitute. The Director of Athletics/Director of FPA shall determine eligibility by 12:00 p.m. on event days.

The External Compliance Officer, an external monitor, hired by the Board of Education, will monitor the accuracy of attendance recordkeeping and monitor staff compliance to Participation in Student Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics. A comprehensive annual audit report will be provided to the Board of Education and Superintendent.

### **Any student wishing to participate in high school interscholastic athletics or musical/drama performances at the high school must:**

- Be enrolled in the District as a bona fide student for at least 15 consecutive school days. With regard to post-season competition, the student must be enrolled for at least 15 consecutive school days prior to the start of the post-season events. To the extent that this provision conflicts with state or federal law, this provision will not apply to students in temporary housing (homeless students and students in foster care);
- Be registered in a minimum of three regular courses plus physical education (to be in compliance with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association requirements).
- Effective the second marking period of the 2021-2022 school year and thereafter, be meeting the physical education requirement (and passing physical education as of the last report card).

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Physical education is important to help students achieve and maintain physical fitness.

- Maintain at least an 85% average daily attendance in order to maintain eligibility. The only exception for the 85% standard is for a bona fide absence for personal illness. The average daily attendance rate does not include unresolved attendance data.

**All students must have earned a minimum of 4.5 credits or units of study during the previous school year in order to participate in high school drama and musical performances, and interscholastic athletics at the high school level.**

- Students not meeting the 4.5 credit/unit standard by the end of August of a school year may request an appeal to the principal.
- The principal, in consultation with an academic support team comprised of teachers, counselors, coaches, social workers, and assistant principals, will review the student's academic progress for the 2020-2021 school year and consider developing a contract for the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:
  - The contract must minimally include enrollment in credit recovery courses, if applicable, and clearly defined intervention strategies that will support the specific needs of the student.
  - The contract must be reviewed with the student and their parent/guardian on a quarterly basis.
  - Each quarter, a review of the current report card must be completed and additional strategies to address deficiencies must be incorporated into the contract.
  - The contract will remain in effect for the entire 2021-2022 school year.
  - If a student does not cooperate and comply with the contract or does not make sufficient academic progress, the contract may be revised or revoked. If the contract is revoked, the student will no longer be eligible for participation in the above extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

**All students must have maintained a minimum 85% attendance standard for the period beginning January 30, 2021 through June 25, 2021. This standard does not include excused absences.**

- Students not meeting the 85% attendance requirement based on the Comprehensive Student Attend Policy (#5100) may request an appeal to the principal.
- The principal and pupil personnel support staff will review the student attendance record and consider whether or not to approve the appeal. If approved, the student will be placed on an

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attendance contract for the entire school year.

- The principal will ensure the pupil personnel support staff meet with the student every five weeks to monitor improvement.
- If the student does not demonstrate improvement, the student will no longer be eligible for participation in the above extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the school year.

Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, all students must have maintained 85% attendance based upon the Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy (#5100) from the previous year.

### **Behavior Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics**

- A student may be suspended from participating in extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, for any infraction of the District Code of Conduct, for violating a code of conduct issued to participants in the activity by the activity supervisor or coach, or for fighting at games/activities.
- Any student placed on In-School Suspension (ISS) or given an Out-Of-School Suspension may not participate in extracurricular activities or practice and/or play in games for the duration of the suspension (including over weekends). If a student is suspended, either In-School or Out-of-School, the student must sit out at least one extracurricular or co-curricular activity or game as applicable.
- If a student has received two (2) Out-of-School Suspensions in a semester prior to or during a sports season/performance activity, the student will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities during the remainder of the semester or in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the season.

A copy of this policy will be distributed to all student athletes, students participating in extracurricular activities and their parents/guardians; electronic access will be provided to professional staff and coaches. It will also be posted on the district website. This policy will be explained to participants in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports prior to participation.

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