

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

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- 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 attendance that has not been certified by the attendance office.

All students must earn 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.

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. Students who do not meet the 4.5 Academic Credits will be eligible to apply for an appeal under the following conditions:

Students must have earned a minimum of 3.5 credits the previous year in order to be eligible for an appeal. Students must have attempted and attended supports programs throughout the course of the year to improve their academic standing. If the student is unsuccessful in their academic progress they must attend an ESY program.

All request for appeals will occur in August for the Fall Semester and in January for the Spring Semester.

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

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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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