

**EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

Instruction

**EXTRACURRICULAR AND
COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
BP 6145**

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extra/cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Extracurricular and cocurricular activities are only available to students who are enrolled as full-time students and attend the school in which the activity is offered. On-campus alternative schools are (technically) separate schools, although, if an application for multischool team status has been filed and annually approved by the California Interscholastic Federation (Bylaw 302), students may be allowed to participate in athletic teams offered on that comprehensive high school site.

No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately and no district student's participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be required or refused based on the student's sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability. Requirements for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that are essential to the success of the activity. (5 CCR 4925)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination / Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Complaints which allege that the district has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs regarding the district's extra/cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Note: The California Supreme Court in Hartzell v. Connell rendered the assessment of fees for extracurricular activities illegal. Districts may charge fees for activities which have no direct tie to the educational program, such as dances and football games. Districts are advised to seek legal counsel before charging for any activity which may be construed as related to the educational program.

No student shall be required to donate funds to participate in extra/cocurricular activities.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Note: Education Code 35160.5 requires students to demonstrate "satisfactory educational progress," as provided in items #1-2 below, in order to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities. However, pursuant to Education Code 35160.5, districts are authorized to adopt stricter academic eligibility criteria provided such action is taken at a public meeting in accordance with Education Code 35145. Districts that have adopted stricter criteria should modify the following paragraph accordingly.

To be eligible to participate in extra/cocurricular activities, students in grades 9 through 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
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probation period that shall not 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.

Note: Education Code 48850, as amended by AB 81 (Ch. 76, Statutes of 2009), specifies that, when the residence of a student in foster care changes pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker, the student shall be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports; see AR 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth.

In addition, pursuant to Education Code 49700-49701, as added by AB 343 (Ch. 237, Statutes of 2009), the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children is applicable to California school districts. Education Code 49700-49701 establish a uniform means of assisting children of "active duty military families" transferred from one state to another, by reducing or eliminating the barriers to their educational success caused by the frequent moves and deployments of their parents/guardians. Among other things, Education Code 49701 requires flexibility of districts' local rules to facilitate the enrollment, placement, advancement, eligibility for extracurricular activities, and on-time graduation of children of military personnel. See BP/AR 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families.

Any decision regarding the eligibility of any child in foster care or a child of a military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

(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 extra/cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

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(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

STUDENT CONDUCT AT EXTRACURRICULAR/COCURRICULAR EVENTS

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35181, the Governing Board has authority to set expectations and/or rules for student attendance, academic performance, in-school behavior, and any other aspect of school life that it deems relevant to the proper governance of district schools

When attending or participating in extracurricular and/or 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))

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW

Note: Education Code 35160.5 requires annual review of this policy, as it relates to the participation of students in grades 7–12 in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.

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 foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports

48930-48938 Student organizations

49700-49704 Education of children of military families

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

350 Fees not permitted

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

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receiving state financial assistance

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

UNITED STATE CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

COURT DECISIONS

Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resource:

CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

*Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Preliminary Final Report,
March 2009.*

WEB SITES

California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>

CDE, Educational Options Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/mc>

CDE, Foster Youth Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy>