

# Liberty Union High School District

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The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular/co-curricular activities provide an essential and enriching experience for students. In an effort to maintain student participation in these activities, as well as foster student responsibility, character development, and academic achievement, this policy shall be aimed at:

1. Recognizing student effort as well as achievement.
2. Maximizing the growth of students in their scholastic endeavors as well as promoting responsible decision making.
3. Establishing reasonable expectations with incentives to encourage student attainment of them.
4. Providing the maximum opportunity for student participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Students shall not be charged any fees in order to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities except for fees towards transportation.

### Definition of Extracurricular/Co-curricular Activities

Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics:

5. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
6. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
7. Students exercise some degree of freedom in either the selection, planning, or control of the program.
8. 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.

Co-curricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

### Eligibility to Represent the School in Extracurricular/Co-curricular Activities

In order to encourage and promote excellence, all students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities shall demonstrate satisfactory minimum progress in meeting the requirements of graduation by undertaking the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the district.

A program that has as its primary goal the improvement or educational achievements of students is not subject to these eligibility requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine in advance when extracurricular/co-curricular activities are primarily for the student's academic or educational achievement and therefore not subject to the eligibility requirements of this policy.

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A student who belongs to any school group or organization must meet school eligibility standards and maintain a minimum (2.0) average scholastically to participate in all extracurricular/co-curricular activities, and a (2.5) average scholastically to hold student offices. The Extracurricular/Co-curricular Eligibility Review Board may help to determine eligibility. This Eligibility board will be composed of the Principal, the Athletic Director, the Student Activities Director, and a Vice-Principal.

In order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, a student in grades nine through twelve shall have earned a minimum of 2.0 or grade point average during the preceding grade period with no more than one F grade. Grade point average and determination eligibility shall be based on first and third quarter grades and first and second semester grades. If a letter grade system is employed in the school district, the letter grade must be the equivalent of the full numeric point value required by law.

In the event a student finds that he/she is academically ineligible to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities in the first quarter of the upcoming year, he/she may request that current summer school grades be added to the grades received in the spring semester and that the total spring semester and summer school grades be used to determine eligibility for the first quarter of the upcoming school year.

All first quarter ninth grade students and all other transfer students will be subject to this same policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which activities may not be entered into after the onset of the activity, assuming eligibility is achieved after commencement of the activity.

### Citizenship Eligibility

As a condition for maintaining eligibility for participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, each student shall also maintain a positive record of citizenship.

### Probationary Period

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board may grant ineligible students a probation period of not more than one quarter and not more than once per academic year. Probation of less than one quarter may also be authorized. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

### Supervision

Extracurricular/Co-curricular activities shall be under the general supervision of school authorities and certificated employees whenever they are conducted under the name of the school district.

### Sunday Restrictions

In order to provide at least one-day respite from involvement in extracurricular/co-curricular activities each week, no interscholastic games, practices, extra-curricular or co-curricular activity of any kind are to be held on Sunday unless it is a travel day, performance or non-CIF competition approved by the principal prior to the event.

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The Superintendent or designee shall develop regulations which provide for:

- a. Determining which activities and programs are affected by the eligibility requirement of this policy.
- b. Identifying and monitoring ineligible students
- c. Assisting ineligible student to become eligible or participation in such activities, but not limited to counseling and tutoring.
- d. Determining which activities may not be entered into after the onset of the activity.

### Annual Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implement regulations.

### Legal Reference:

#### Education Code

40 Equal opportunity without regard to sex

41 School sponsored athletic programs; prohibited sex discrimination

200-262 Prohibition of discrimination of basis of sex

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation

48930-48938 Student organizations

49020 Athletic Programs: Legislative intent

49021 Equal opportunity for male and female students

49022 Apportionment of funds for male and female students

49023 Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

#### Administrative Code, Title 5

350 Fees not permitted

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

#### Hartzell v. Connell, 84

Daily Journal D.A.R. 1317 (April 20, 1984)