

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Instruction**EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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

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)

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the County Superintendent/County Board extracurricular or cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with SP/BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7-12 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.

The County 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 County Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

The County 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

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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, students are subject to County Superintendent and County Board policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate such 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 policy and administrative regulation.

Annual Policy Review

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

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Legal ReferenceEducation 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

49700-49703 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

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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

Websites

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>