

The Board of Education has the authority to establish reasonable standards as prerequisites for eligibility for curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. These standards apply to entry qualifications as well as to continued participation in such activities. Classroom teachers, advisors/coaches must disseminate a copy of the expected standards of conduct to all students and parents at the start of each school year, and participating students should be individually informed of the application and scope of such standards.

Eligibility and continued participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are a privilege extended to students, as opposed to a right, and the behavioral standards set forth in the district Code of Conduct (policy 5300) apply to all students participating in any co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activity. All student participants, including athletes, will be informed that they have the obligation to act in a responsible manner because of the leadership roles they play in the school environment.

To be eligible to participate, high school students must carry a minimum of 5.5 credits each semester and meet minimum academic requirements. All such standards must be reasonable and students must adhere to minimum district attendance and academic requirements to maintain eligibility.

Classroom teachers, advisors/Coaches will provide expectations for participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in writing at the beginning of the school year or season, as appropriate. These expectations need to be reviewed by the principal/or athletic director.

The District administration reserves the right to determine a student's participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities based on academic and behavioral standings. Reasons for denial of student participation must be provided for review to administration prior to the event (no less than one week). Parents must be notified of this decision as soon as it is determined. Should a student be denied participation for any of the above reasons, all non-refundable portions of payment will be forfeited.

"Training rules" are generally accepted as a condition of participation in student athletics, and may include attendance at practices, individual training programs, etc. Similar rules of rehearsal attendance and practice may apply to other extra-curricular or co-curricular activities such as orchestra, band and theater.

Although suspension from participation in an extra-curricular activity does not require a full hearing pursuant to Section 3214 of the Education Law, a student must be given the opportunity to appear informally before the disciplinarian and/or disciplinary committee, and present his/her side of the story as part of a general discussion of the conduct under review.