

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 6145

Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities

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

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

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. 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. (5 CCR 4925)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

The district shall not provide or otherwise carry out any of its extracurricular or activities separately, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its pupils on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability. (5 CCR Section 4925)

All pupil clubs shall have equal access to district facilities to conduct a meeting and a fair opportunity to meet within the limited open forum of the district, if the district has a limited open forum. (5 CCR Section 4927)

Membership in student clubs must be open to all pupils regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability. (5 CCR Section 4926)

A pupil shall be permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities and use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records. (EC Section 221.5(f))

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the district's extracurricular or cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Unless specifically authorized by law, no fee shall be charged to students for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities related to the educational program, including materials or equipment related to the activity.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)
(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

Extracurricular and cocurricular activities are an integral part of school life and often require as much careful planning and supervision as the academic subjects. However, care must be taken that these

activities do not take precedence in importance over the subject matter areas, but remain in the position of supplementing the actual courses of study.

Eligibility Requirements

All students elected to student offices or who represent their schools in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall maintain satisfactory citizenship records, and shall conform to the district's credit and grade requirements. Any student who does not maintain a satisfactory citizenship and academic record shall not be allowed to represent their fellow students, nor the school, for a period of time recommended by these regulations, but in no case, except when approved by the Governing Board, shall the time exceed 12 calendar months.

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

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

The 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)

However, Education Code 35160.5, as added by AB 908, allows the governing board of each school district to allow a probationary period to exceed one semester in length through the completion of the 2020–21 school year due to the impact of COVID-19.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(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 extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Elementary, Intermediate and High School Interscholastic Athletics

The Board recognizes the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) as the regulatory body for interscholastic athletics for grades nine through twelve. Interscholastic athletics for grades nine through twelve shall be conducted in accordance with this policy the accompanying Administrative Regulations and shall comply with CIF rules except when this Board Policy and accompanying Administrative Regulation establishes a higher standard than the CIF rules.

Although CIF is not the regulatory body for interscholastic athletics for grades seven and eight, the Board adopts CIF rules pertaining to residential and transfer eligibility to interscholastic athletics for grades seven and eight. However, any residential and/or transfer eligibility determinations with regard to seventh and eighth grades will be made by the District, and the District's determinations are final and not subject to appeal to CIF or any other administrative agencies. The District shall apply CIF rules as appropriate with respect to seventh and eighth grade interscholastic athletics in the District. Administrative Regulations shall align with residential and transfer eligibility requirements for interscholastic athletics for seventh through twelfth grades as well as certain academic and other qualifications and requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics for all District students.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and 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))

Annual Policy Review

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

Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age (40 and above), religious creed, religion, political belief or affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, childbirth, breastfeeding/lactation status, medical condition, military and veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.

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 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

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

WEB SITES

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>

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