

Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. SCOE shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately and no student's participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be required or refused based on the student's 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)

Any complaint regarding the extracurricular and cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures.

No student shall be prohibited from participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities related to the educational program because of inability to pay fees associated with the activity.

Definitions (Education Code 35160.5)

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

1. The program is supervised or financed by SCOE.
2. Students participating in the program represent SCOE.
3. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning, or control of the program.
4. 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.

Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if either of the following conditions applies:

1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

Eligibility Requirements (Education Code 35160.5)

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period including but not limited to:

Policy 6145 (Continued)

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

The grade point average used to determine eligibility shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and/or cocurricular activities on or off campus, students are subject to the policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate the policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with administrative policy and regulation. When appropriate, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

Annual Policy Review

This policy and implementing regulations shall be annually reviewed by the Superintendent or designee.

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

48930-48938 Student organizations

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

Policy Cross-Reference:

0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

3260 Fees and Charges

5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

5145.7 Sexual Harassment

6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements

6162.52 High School Exit Examination