

Kentucky High School Extracurricular Policy

Purpose:

This policy ensures that students are provided multiple opportunities to extend learning time based on student interest and abilities.

Procedures:

All extracurricular programs must be based on the following criteria:

- The program must contribute to students becoming a self-sufficient individual exhibiting good character, responsibility and self-discipline, as well as provide supervision that will take into account the student's developmental and emotional needs.
- The program must contribute to student's ability to work as part of a group or team.
- The program must be geared toward student interests and/or abilities.
- The program must be multicultural and enhance or maintain equity in the overall program concept.

All extracurricular programs must fall into one of the following three categories: academic, athletic or service-learning. Each extracurricular activity must be led by an adult coach or sponsor who meets any applicable requirement set in state or federal statute, as well as by the sponsoring or governing organization. The coach or sponsor will be responsible for supervising all students while participating in the activity, including preparation, practice and travel time.

Annually and prior to Oct. 1 of each year, the principal will present a list of extracurricular programs to the school council for discussion and review. The principal will follow district policies and procedures in selecting and evaluating all coaches and/or sponsors for all extracurricular activities.

Student Participation: Students who wish to participate in extracurricular programs must:

- Maintain a "C" average in all courses including core classes and electives.
- Be present for all classes the day of the activity or the day prior if on a weekend or holiday (exemption: school-sponsored off-campus activities, such as college visits).
- Comply with rules and procedures developed by the coach or sponsor for the extracurricular program.
- Meet any additional requirements set by the appropriate sponsoring or governing organization or as established in district board of education policies and procedures.

The principal has the final decision on student participation.

Senior Activities: Activities specific to the senior class include college and university visits, senior trip, Project Graduation and prom. In order to participate in any or all of the senior-specific activities, seniors must comply with the following:

- Be on track (with appropriate class credits) to graduate at the end of the spring semester.
- Have no more than five unexcused absences (based on Infinite Campus and district policy).
- Not have been suspended (in school or out of school) or placed in an alternative program within 30 calendar days of the event.
- Maintain a passing grade in all courses including core classes and electives.
- Be present for all classes the day of the activity or the day prior if on a weekend or holiday.
- Comply with procedures developed by the sponsor for the activity.
- Provide own funding for participation.
- Have no overdue or unpaid fees.
- Have no more than two tardies.

Evaluation:

All extracurricular programs will be evaluated annually for effectiveness, student participation and equity as part of the school improvement planning process.

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