

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY**

All interscholastic extracurricular activities in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) that are of a competitive nature and involve more than one (1) school where a championship, winner, or rating is determined shall be conducted under the provisions of this policy. Such activities will be established and designed to offer students worthwhile athletic and leisure-time interests, wholesome recreational and social activity, and an opportunity to develop skills in democratic and cooperative management for these activities.

All such activities conducted under the auspices of the District shall be under the direct supervision of the licensed individual responsible for the activity.

It is necessary to have the interscholastic extracurricular activities function within a realistic framework of control. In order that overenthusiastic students do not place a social or athletic function on a higher plane than the academic program, the following policy will be adhered to:

- All classwork counted for eligibility must be acceptable for graduation.
- The student must be enrolled in more than half of the school's regular class schedule.
- Regular attendance must be maintained and a student shall not be absent from school for interscholastic extracurricular activities in excess of fifteen (15) days per semester, and no class shall be missed in excess of fifteen (15) times per semester for interscholastic extracurricular activities.
- The eligibility criterion for interscholastic participation shall be in accord with the following:
  - A public school student shall have at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, either cumulatively or for the grading period immediately preceding participation to be able to participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity. A grading period shall be not less than six (6) weeks. The provisions of 22-12A-10 shall not apply to students receiving *C* or *D* level special education services.
  - The cumulative period eligibility for participation shall be applied beginning with the student's academic record in the ninth (9th) grade year.

- If the student does not meet the eligibility requirements the penalty will be removal from participation in any athletic team or extracurricular performances or travel. A student that demonstrates academic progress toward eligibility may practice with the team or group.
- The responsibility for notification of students and parents of these requirements and for enforcement rests with the Superintendent.
- The student and the parents or guardian shall be notified of ineligibility in a manner such that confidentiality is maintained when:
  - Ineligibility is pending, and
  - Ineligibility is determined to be necessary.
- Support services may be made available to students who become ineligible for extracurricular programs as well as to students notified of pending ineligibility depending upon resources available.
- Students whose behavior presents a problem or jeopardizes school discipline may be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities until such time as their behavior warrants reinstatement.

The same general standards shall apply for special education students except that such eligibility shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in relationship to the respective students' individual education program.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to ensure that:

- Necessary documents in support of this policy are maintained.
- Necessary data related to ineligible students are collected and reported as required.
- The cultural traditions of students are considered when establishing or enforcing rules related to participation in extracurricular activities.
- The requirements of this policy are met.

In accordance with NMAA Handbook, Section IX, Paragraph 9.3.C, which states, "With the exception of football, and with the approval of the local school board, sixth-grade students are permitted to participate on seventh- and eighth-grade teams.

The Alamogordo Public Schools (APS) School Board approves sixth-grade student participation in seventh- and eighth-grade teams, with the exception of football.

The Superintendent may develop additional rules or procedures for the proper conduct of extracurricular programs and the implementation of the provisions of this policy.

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LEGAL REF.: 22-12A-10 NMSA  
6.11.2.9 NMAC  
New Mexico Activities Association Handbook Sec. 6

CROSS REF.: JJIB - Interscholastic Sports