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Co-Curricular Policy

The GPA Board of Directors acknowledges the value of student involvement in extra-curricular activities, including athletics. Believing that academics are a student's number one priority, students wishing to participate in co/extra-curricular activities must model exemplary academic and behavioral standards. Co/extra-curricular activities will be aligned with the vision of GPA; will be lifelong in nature; and will be supervised by GPA employees.

Co/Extra-Curricular Academic Criteria

Co/extra-curricular participants must earn a grade point average (gpa) of 2.0 or better in all classes attempted. If a participant has failed to achieve the required gpa, he/she will become scholastically ineligible until the first subsequent grading period in which passing grades are made.

1. In order to try out, practice, or participate in co/extra-curricular activities, a student must meet the following academic criteria:
 - a. A 2.0 grade point average in the prior grading period with no more than one grade of "D" and no grade of "F" renders a student eligible for participation in co/extra-curricular activities.
 - b. A student with less than a 2.0 gpa in the prior grading period with more than one grade of "D", and/or with a grade of "F" in any class will be placed on probationary status for a three (3) week period. After the three (3) week probationary period, student must not have an "F" in any class and not more than one grade of "D" in order to be reinstated as eligible.
 - c. The probationary procedure will be implemented at each of the six week grading periods. During the probation period, the student may not travel nor compete and must have a weekly academic/behavior check from all current teachers. The student must attend (with noted improvement) a weekly tutorial session in the area of weakness. Failure to show this document to the coach on a weekly basis will render the student ineligible at the end of the three (3) week probationary period..
 - d. A student may only be placed on probationary status two (2) times per year.
 - e. Students enrolled in the ELC or Independent Study programs require a minimum grade of "C" in all classes. (Students in these programs are NOT awarded D grades. They are awarded A, B, C, or F grades.)
 - f. For determining fall semester eligibility, students who are enrolled in and complete summer school will be able to count two summer school courses with grades of "C" or better toward the final 2nd semester grades of the previous school year.
 - g. For the purposes of determining an exact date of eligibility/ineligibility, eligibility dates will be established which will be incorporated into the school's master calendar. Each six-week grading deadline will be the eligibility dates, which will be posted during the school year.
 - h. The beginning date for non-participation will be the Tuesday following the Friday that progress/grade reports are mailed home.



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Additionally, during the prior grading period a student must:

- i. Have no citizenship marks of "Unsatisfactory," and must maintain ongoing satisfactory behavior.
- j. Any out-of-school suspension is considered unsatisfactory behavior for the period of suspension.
- k. Demonstrate acceptable attendance
 - i. Ten or more absences (unexcused or excused) per year is considered excessive. Doctor verified absences may be considered as an exception to this policy.
 - ii. Four or more tardies per year is considered excessive. (Ed. Code)
 - iii. Student must attend school the day a minimum of three blocks (6 periods on Mondays) of performance/competition.
 - iv. Fulfill/support GPA graduation requirements.

Each academic year the student-athlete and his/her parent/guardian must complete a paperwork process and be "cleared" by the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, before any try outs, practice, participation, or play. Successful clearance includes:

- l. A physical by a medical practitioner.
- m. Emergency phone numbers and other pertinent emergency information.
- n. Releases for medical care.
- o. Waiver of liability.
- p. Insurance verification.
- q. A signed CIF "Ethics In Sports" form (both athlete, parent, and coach)
- r. A signed "Informed Consent" form.
- s. A GPA "Co/Extra-curricular Code of Conduct" form.
- t. A signed acknowledgement of receipt of the GPA student handbook.

All of the above information must be checked by the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, prior to the student being "cleared." Only after the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, verifies that all of the information has been successfully completed may a student-athlete participate in any manner.



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Eligibility and Ineligibility Periods

- a. Periods of eligibility shall be equal to periods of ineligibility for the purpose of this rule.
- b. Periods of eligibility/ineligibility may be based upon a four to six school-day delay following the end of the quarter. This is because of the time lapse required to collect and print grades.
- c. In determining eligibility/ineligibility, it is the official "grade of record" which is used. Only when a legitimate "Change of Grade" form is completed and signed by site administration, the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, will be notified in order to clear the student-athlete for participation.
- d. Per CIF-SDS policy, "Incomplete" (I) grades are considered an "F" for determining eligibility.
- e. Each of the items below is subject to review by site administration and/or the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, for extenuating circumstances.
- f. In the case of a CIF ethics violation, in addition to mandated CIF sanctions, school discipline will be imposed.