

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The intent of this policy is to encourage all students to recognize the central importance of academic success, citizenship, work habits, and a healthy lifestyle as prerequisites to participation in *co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities* as defined in Policy JJ.

Throughout this policy:

- Unless specified by the section title, each section applies to all schools.
- For the purpose of these rules, a “week” is defined as a week when school is in session or when co-curricular and non-curricular extracurricular activities are scheduled. Consequences may span multiple seasons and/or multiple school years; for example, a four-week consequence earned during the last week of the school year would affect that week and the first three weeks of the next school year.
- Any consequences are in addition to any discipline imposed under other applicable Board policies and school rules.

Attendance

In order to participate in a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity, a student must be in attendance all day on the day of the activity except in the instances of excused appointments (e.g., dental appointment). In no case shall a student whose absence is unexcused for any part of the day of the activity be allowed to participate in that day’s activity.

Suspension from school shall render the student ineligible for participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities during the period of suspension.

Substances

Possession, use, or distribution of substances such as drugs, tobacco products, marijuana products, alcohol, or other controlled substances is prohibited by students on school property, in school vehicles, and at school sponsored functions on or away from school property. (For exceptions see policy JLCD - Administration of Medications to Students). These prohibitions apply 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Student offenses may be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution. Adjudication for such offenses, or for illegal possession, use, or distribution of such substances witnessed by a Regional School Unit #34 staff member at any time, on or off school property, shall result in the normal disciplinary process as well as consequences for extra-curricular participation, up to and including the following:

- For the first infraction, a four-week suspension from all extra-curricular activities.
- For the second infraction, an eight-week suspension from all extra-curricular activities.
- A third infraction will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year, or twelve weeks, whichever is longer.

In unusual circumstances the school administration may recommend to the Superintendent that a shorter consequence is appropriate, such as in the case of accidental ingestion of a substance. The Superintendent shall make such determination at his or her discretion.

Upon request, assistance will be provided to the student and their family in addressing controlled substance, tobacco, drug, and alcohol problems. This assistance may include but not be limited to information regarding referral and treatment. In all cases information and assistance shall be provided in a confidential manner.

Leonard Middle School: Academics and Habits of Work

To be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities at Leonard Middle School, a student must be proficient in certain standards communicated via the student handbook section on eligibility (e.g., habits of work, citizenship, presence). At each reporting time, students proficient on 80% of those standards are in good standing for eligibility.

A student who falls below proficiency on 80% of these standards at a reporting time will be placed on *conditional* status. The student, parents/guardians, and the activity advisor / coach are notified of this status, and the student continues to participate under the condition that (s)he raises proficiency to the good standing level. The student is supported in making a plan for standards recovery.

After four weeks on this conditional status if the student has not raised proficiency to good standing (s)he becomes *ineligible*. The student is supported in making a plan for standards recovery and their standing is reviewed at the next progress report or trimester report. Students ineligible at the end of the school year may need to attend summer programming in order to participate in extra-curricular activities at the beginning of the next school year.

In addition to the above, to participate LMS students must follow the requirements governing behavior laid out by school administration and/or the extra-curricular advisor / coach. Students who violate these guidelines may be subject to suspension or removal from the team / activity as well as additional disciplinary action under applicable Board policies and/or school rules.

Old Town High School: Academics and Habits of Work

To be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities at Old Town High School, a student:

- must be taking a minimum of
 - Grades 9-11: six (6) classes
 - Grade 12: five (5) classes
- is succeeding as follows:

	Habits of Work Scores of all 3s	Habits of Work Scores of 3s and 2s	Habits of Work Scores of 3s, 2s, & 1s
Academic Grade Straight A's	<i>Eligible</i> <i>Highest Honors</i>	<i>Eligible</i> <i>Highest Honors</i>	<i>Probationary*</i>
Academic Grade A's & B's (no C's, D's, or F's)	<i>Eligible</i> <i>High Honors</i>	<i>Eligible</i> <i>Honors</i>	<i>Probationary*</i>
Academic Grade A's, B's, & C's (no D's or F's)	<i>Eligible</i> <i>Honors</i>	<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Probationary*</i>
Academic Grade A's, B's, C's, & D's (no F's)	<i>Probationary*</i> <i>if passing at least</i> <i>four (4) classes,</i> <i>otherwise ineligible</i>	<i>Probationary*</i> <i>if passing at least</i> <i>four (4) classes,</i> <i>otherwise ineligible</i>	<i>Ineligible for the</i> <i>Quarter</i>
Academic Grade Any Class Grade of F	<i>Probationary*</i> <i>if passing at least</i> <i>four (4) classes,</i> <i>otherwise ineligible</i>	<i>Ineligible for the</i> <i>Quarter</i>	<i>Ineligible for the</i> <i>Quarter</i>

*Probationary status means that you may practice or meet with the team/group, but may not participate in any way at competitions or external events. On probationary status students must develop and participate in an intervention plan to address the area of need, with an emphasis on student ownership of the plan. Probationary status is reviewed after two weeks, resulting in one of the following at the determination of the administration:

1. Student has resolved the area of need, in which case they temporarily regain eligibility and will review status in two weeks.
2. Student has made satisfactory progress on their plan but not yet resolved the area of need, in which case they remain on probationary status and will review status again in two weeks; or
3. Student has not made satisfactory progress on their plan, in which case they become ineligible for the remainder of the quarter.

In no case, other than computational error, will eligibility status be changed due to “make-up” or “extra-credit” work completed after the posting of quarter grades. An “Incomplete” grade, for purposes of eligibility, shall be considered a failure until the final grade is posted. Any student who is determined ineligible as a result of 4th quarter grades shall be ineligible until the first (1st) quarter grades of the next school year are posted. Any class that is dropped outside of the “add-drop” period shall count as the grade earned at the time the class was dropped for eligibility purposes.

Cross Reference:

JJ – Extra-Curricular Activities

JLCD - Administration of Medication to Students

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