6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are school-sponsored programs for which some or all of the activities are outside the instructional day. They do not include field trips, homework, or occasional work required outside the school day for a scheduled class. Co-curricular activity refers to an activity associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom and is generally required for class credit. Extracurricular activity refers to an activity that is not part of the curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit, and does not take place during classroom time; it includes competitive interscholastic activities and clubs.

The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.
4. Requests from students.
5. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

Non-school sponsored student groups are governed by School Board policy, 7:330, Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access.

Academic Criteria for Participation

For students in kindergarten through 8th-12th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District’s policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity’s rules and the student conduct code.

For high school students, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District’s policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses.

For 6th through 12th Grade Eligibility

In order to reinforce our primary mission of teaching and learning, all students who participate in sports must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. All student-athletes are required to participate in physical education class the day of an athletic event. If they do not, that athlete will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities that day.
2. For eligibility purposes, grades are due to the office Friday at 11:00am. The eligibility period affected will run from the following Monday to Sunday. Any students with four points will be ineligible. Each grade of “D” is one point and each grade of “F” is four points.

3. Five academic days after the start of the quarter or athletic season begins, students will be held to the eligibility point system. If a summative assessment has taken place and is in the gradebook sooner than five academic days then that buffer is forfeit.

4. Students who are indicated as ineligible need to focus on their academic responsibilities and are not permitted to attend practice. The expectation is that they are at home using practice time to catch up academically and not be a distraction to the team or a supervision responsibility of the coach. Students who are ineligible will not travel with the team for competitions/tournaments/games. Students who are ineligible are not permitted to attend the contest as a spectator either.

5. Students who are in ISI or OSS will be considered ineligible for any practice, game, or event on that day.

Coaches and club sponsors have the option to create more stringent academic expectations with approval of the administration.

For more details, refer to the Genoa-Kingston Middle School Athletic Handbook

For 9th–12th Grade Eligibility

SEMESTER grades will be used for determining WEEKLY eligibility.

In determining WEEKLY eligibility, Student-Athletes will be considered ineligible if they are failing two (2) or more classes.

Academic eligibility is taken on Thursday afternoons at the conclusion of classes for that particular day. A student-athlete failing two (2) or more classes renders that athlete ineligible from competition for the following week starting on Monday and continuing through Sunday. If a student is deemed ineligible on Thursday, they will not participate in any events the following week but will still remain eligible to participate through Saturday’s and/or Sunday’s contests. Students are responsible for understanding this deadline.

Semester Eligibility is set by the IHSA. To remain in Good Scholastic Standing, a student must have passed and received credit toward graduation for twenty (20) credit hours of high school work for the entire previous semester to be eligible at all during the ensuing semester. Twenty (20) credit hours is the equivalent of four (4) .5 credit courses (two full credits). Students who take credit recovery classes after the semester is over will still remain ineligible for the ensuing semester.

For more details refer to the Genoa-Kingston High School Athletic Handbook.

Academic eligibility is based on a four point system; D’s are equal to one point and F’s receive two points. When a student receives four or more points in any combination of
grades he or she is then ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the following week. Monday through Saturday. Students who are ineligible for three consecutive weeks will be unable to participate for the remainder of the extra-curricular activity. Academic eligibility is determined weekly.


CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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