

# SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

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<p>122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board believes that the district's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the schools.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and extracurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities shall be those programs which are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103</p>	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p>
<p>Pol. 110</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.</li> <li>2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.</li> </ol>

<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they may be operable.</li> <li>4. Students may be required to pay an activity fee.</li> </ol> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student’s attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</li> <li>2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.</li> <li>3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.</li> <li>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> </ol> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare and implement procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program.</p> <p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.</li> <li>2. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.</li> <li>3. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.</li> <li>4. Guards against exploitation of students.</li> <li>5. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.</li> </ol>
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Title 22  
Sec. 12.1, 12.4

6. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

Eligibility

All students must be in daily attendance the entire school day to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Only bonafide doctors' excuses or other urgent circumstances will be considered by the principal in waiving this policy.

A student who is suspended is not eligible to participate in extracurricular events. Any student who does not comply with the code of conduct may be denied participation.

Academic Eligibility

Students need to be passing three full credits to be eligible to participate in any activity after school hours. This applies to athletics, plays, academic competitions, dances, the prom, among other activities. Students may attend public performances and contests as spectators.

Excepting eligibility for dances and the prom, which shall be applied at the end of each marking period, eligibility will be checked weekly. According to the student's weekly standing, the following will apply:

Failure totaling a full credit will result in contract status. Upon ineligibility (1.5 credits failing) all courses will result in contract status.

Students may attend practices, rehearsals, or other after school commitments even though ineligible if the total of failing credits is 1.5 or less. If the student is failing 2 credits or more, he or she may not attend practices, rehearsals, or other after school commitments.

Students may regain eligibility upon improved weekly standings. However, if the student has been ineligible to practice, the principal will decide the date he or she may be eligible to participate after consultation with the coach or advisor.

If at the end of a marking period or semester, the student is deemed ineligible (fewer than three full credits passing), the period of ineligibility will be 4½ weeks. Return to eligibility will be determined by weekly progress as reflected in both grades and contract status.

<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>At the end of the second and fourth marking periods, in both marking period and final grade standards will be applied towards eligibility status.</p> <p>Students who are retained a grade level are ineligible to participate in activities or sports for the entire year.</p> <p>When a student is in contract status, the coach or advisor will communicate with the teacher and student. A plan will be developed to assist the student in meeting his academic obligations. Parts of the plan may include requiring tutoring, deadlines for assignments due, etc. The principal must be informed of any student under contract. Also, the principal must approve a student's eligibility when he or she is under contract status.</p> <p><u>Attendance Eligibility</u></p> <p>A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities until s/he has been in attendance for a total of sixty (60) school days following the twentieth day of absence, except that where there is a consecutive absence of five (5) or more school days due to confining injury, death in the immediate family as defined in Section 1154 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, court subpoena, quarantine, or to attend a religious activity/function which the church requires its members to attend, or an absence of five (5) or more school days due to the same confining illness, such absence may be waived from the application of this rule by the district committee. Attendance at summer school does not count toward the sixty (60) days required.</p> <p>Absence from school for an entire semester, or for several semesters, shall disqualify a student for the same period as stated above.</p> <p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for noncurriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p>
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The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.

The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that attendance of students at such meetings is voluntary.

References:

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Board Policy – 103, 110, 218