



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Instruction

Cocurricular Activities

Academic Eligibility Program

All students participating in a school-supervised cocurricular program shall be subject to the provisions of the Board-adopted program setting forth academic eligibility standards for cocurricular activities. Students who have differentiated standards of proficiency pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 51215 of the Education Code are covered by this section consistent with that subdivision. A student entering from the eighth grade must have achieved a 2.0 grade point average the previous grading period. If not, the student will be on probation.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Minimum Course Load

A student must maintain enrollment in no fewer than five classes. (CIF Rules require grades of D or better in four classes in order to be eligible.)

2. Grade Point Average

A student must achieve a 2.0 grade point average in all work attempted as determined by calculating semester grades on a 4.0 grade scale.

3. Grading Period

Grades for purposes of G.P.A. eligibility are issued semesterly. (CIF requires that a minimum of four (4) classes be passed in grades issued at the quarter.)

If a student finds he/she is academically ineligible to participate in cocurricular activities in the first semester of the upcoming year, he/she may request of the school registrar that current summer school grades be added to the grades received in the spring semester and that the current spring semester and summer school grades be used to determine eligibility for the first semester of the upcoming school year.

Eligibility Requirements (continued)

Grade point average can be improved under the following conditions:

- a. Repeated Courses (must be the same course). If a student is repeating a course previously taken, the repeat grade replaces the previous grade and should be averaged along with all of the courses during the preceding grading period.
- b. All other courses taken during the summer which do not meet the criteria in Section a. above, can be averaged with all grades that were accumulated in June.
- c. Classes that do not have a letter grade are to be eliminated from grade point computation.

4. Summer School Credits

Summer School credits shall be counted toward making up scholastic deficiencies incurred in the grading period (semester) immediately preceding. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete's scholastic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding.

5. Eligibility Period

Grades issued semesterly shall be effective in terms of determining eligibility on the first school day of the third week following close of the previous semester grading period.

6. Probation Period

Upon failing to achieve a semester grade point average of 2.0 or better, the student shall be placed on probation the subsequent semester. Probation serves as a warning to the student and does not preclude his/her continued participation in cocurricular activities.

7. Ineligibility

A student who earns a grade point average of 1.99 or below in two successive semesters shall be declared ineligible, and such period of ineligibility shall begin on the first school day of the third week following the close of the previous semester grading period.

Eligibility Requirements (continued)

8. Return to Eligibility Status

The student shall be declared eligible for cocurricular participation when he/she achieves a semester grade point average of 2.0 or better. Eligibility shall commence on the first school day of the third week following the close of the semester following achievement of a G.P.A. of 2.0 or better.

Criteria for Exception to Academic Eligibility Program

Education Code 35160.5(b)(5) indicates "A program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievements of students is not subject to these eligibility requirements." The following criteria will be applied in determining when cocurricular activities are programs primarily for the student's academic or educational achievement and therefore, not subject to the eligibility requirements of this regulation.

1. Participation or membership requires less than three hours per week of out-of-class time committed to practice or rehearsal, performance, or other forms of participation for the duration of the cocurricular activity. The three-hour exception equates to homework required of a typical high school class in any particular week. Examples of activities qualifying under this criteria would be clubs, class councils, homeroom councils, newspaper staff, yearbook staff, vocal/instrumental groups, dance groups, etc. Under no circumstances would a student be permitted to participate in one of these activities if the cumulative out-of-class time for the activity exceeded three hours. The student may not restrict his/her time in order to qualify for this exception. The three-hour criteria is based upon the total activity and not individual student participation. If a drama production runs three nights for two hours, the student may not monitor his/her hours based upon participation in a five-minute walk-on part as being only fifteen minutes.
2. Activities which overlap semesters and culminate in a fine arts performance also would be excluded from academic ineligibility. After the completion of his/her assignment during the semester of ineligibility, the student may not participate in additional activities beyond the three-hour limit in criteria #1 above. An example of this criteria would be a student who is cast in a production during one semester when he/she is on probation and at the change of that semester earns below a 2.0 G.P.A. and becomes ineligible. This student may complete the performance requirement of the production he/she was cast in during the time of eligibility.

(cf. 6128 - Vocational Industrial Education)

Eligibility Requirements (continued)

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