

Section 6 - INSTRUCTION

6:190 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:

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

~~Building Principals are responsible for the scheduling and announcing of student extracurricular and co-curricular activities.~~^{C1}

~~Non-school sponsored curriculum related~~^{C2} student groups or clubs that are not school sponsored are governed by Board of Education policy, 7:330, *Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access*.

Academic Criteria for Participation

Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the Student Conduct Code.

Selection of participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported activity, all students

must be enrolled in, and maintain a passing grade in, a minimum of 5 (.5 credit) courses.

Any student failing to meet these academic criteria shall be suspended from the activity until the specified academic criteria are met. Student eligibility will be determined weekly.

Residency/Transfer

Students will only be eligible to participate in IHSA and SPC sanctioned athletics and activities for the teams of the school attendance zone in which they reside. If a student registers in a school attendance zone with someone other than a parent, or a parent who has been assigned custody by the court, or court appointed legal guardianship, the student will be ineligible to participate in IHSA and SPC sanctioned activities and athletics, except as required by law and/or IHSA guidelines. Students who are granted a transfer from one school within the District to another, without physically changing residency, shall be ineligible to participate in IHSA and SPC sanctioned athletics and activities, except as required by law. If a student moves residency from one school's attendance zone to another, within the District boundaries, they will be eligible based upon the IHSA and SPC.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.30](#) and [5/24-24](#).

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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PRESSPlus Comments

- C1 Updated for continuous improvement; this sentence was included in the PRESS Sample Policy Reference Manual prior to May 2006. **Issue 122, June 2026**

- C2 Updated to align with the changes made to policy 7:330, *Student Use of Buildings*
- *Equal Access*. **Issue 122, June 2026**