

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Reg. No. 500-24
Subject: ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN HIGH SCHOOL	Issued: 9/1/83
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I. Policy 509

II. Procedures

A. A student, to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, must have the minimum of a 2.00 grade point average and no "F" grades. Grades used to determine eligibility will be recorded on report cards and interim reports. Grades used to determine ineligibility will be 9-week term grades only. Eligibility/ineligibility for fall extracurricular activities is determined by the fourth term grades from the previous year.

1. The student will become eligible/ineligible on the first school day following the system-designated posting date for that marking period. The June posting date will serve as the designated eligible/ineligible day for all fall activities. Students may also become eligible on the first school day following the system's designated posting date for that interim report grade.
2. In any grading period, if a student has made a schedule change, and if the student receives an interim report for either class involved in the schedule change, then the class in which the student has been enrolled for the most number of days (within the reporting period) will be used to determine the student's eligibility.
3. When a student believes that a procedural error has occurred through a miscalculation, omission or an inaccurate reporting in the awarding of a grade, an appeal may be made to the school principal. The student in this situation must be prepared to demonstrate in his/her appeal the circumstances that may have created an incorrect grade. This appeal must be initiated by the student in writing within five (5) school days of the system designated day for posting grades for that marking period. Until a decision is rendered by the principal, the student remains ineligible. The principal will render a decision within five (5) school days.

A student may further appeal to the deputy superintendent who serves as the Superintendent's designee and, thereafter, to the Board in accordance with Board Policy 105 if the student is alleging a procedural or due process error.

4. Each high school must develop a procedure to inform all students that are ineligible on the school system designated day for posting grades.

- B. The student may practice during an ineligibility period, but may not accompany the team or group or be excused from any class for the extracurricular activity concerned.
- C. A student who becomes ineligible as determined by fourth term grades in June may participate in practice sessions for fall extracurricular activities. The ineligible student may not perform, accompany the team or group or be excused from any class for any extracurricular activity. Eligibility will be determined at the issuance of the first interim report in the first term of the new school year.
- D. These standards apply only to extracurricular activities.
 - 1. "Extracurricular activities" are those school-sponsored activities other than regular class activities in which the student represents the school. (Examples: athletics, student clubs/organizations, class/club officers.)
 - 2. "Regular class activities" (co-curricular) are those activities which are countywide expectations for a particular class and in which all students in the class must participate as part of their grade. These activities are designated in the course guide program overview. (Examples: band, chorus, drama.)
- E. The policy becomes effective for ninth grade students at the posting date of the first 9-week marking period.
- F. Summer school grades do not affect this policy.
- G. Only those students enrolled full time (4 credits per year or 2 credits per semester) in a high school are eligible for participation in extracurricular activities. The school principal may request an exemption to this requirement from the director of high schools. Participation will be allowed and facilitated for disabled students as required by federal and state regulations.
- H. The grade weighting procedure shall not be used for eligibility/ineligibility purposes.
- I. The student's grade point average will be determined on a course-for-course basis.
- J. Students who receive a grade of incomplete will remain ineligible until the grade has been changed and eligibility status verified.

Approved:

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