

Shelby County Board of Education
PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS
(Extracurricular Programs and Activities)

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I. PURPOSE

To ensure that all students who are interested in participating in extracurricular programs and activities are given a fair opportunity to do so.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to Shelby County Schools students in grades 6-12.

III. DEFINITIONS

Extracurricular Activities - School or system-sponsored activities that have voluntary participation and fall outside of the regular curriculum of the District. Extracurricular activities ordinarily consist of an extended day, which may include meetings, practices, competitions, programs and events. Extracurricular activities do not include co-curricular activities, which are activities that complement the curriculum and may directly impact student grades.

IV. POLICY STATEMENT

Student extracurricular activities are an integral part of school life and are used as a means of developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations as well as knowledge and skills. Shelby County Schools considers participation in extracurricular activities a privilege afforded to students by the District. Therefore, participation in extracurricular activities is not protected by due process appeals procedures related to student discipline that are afforded to all students under state law or Board policy. Consequently, students shall be subject to disciplinary actions in the activity up to and including dismissal from participation in the extracurricular activity for negative or inappropriate behavior at any time during a calendar year in

accordance with guidelines established by the Superintendent. In addition, students whose behavior also violates the Shelby County Schools Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary actions outlined in the Code.

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in any curricular or extracurricular school-sponsored program or activity, with the exception of interscholastic athletics¹, he/she must be a regularly enrolled student in the Shelby County Schools system. Additionally, students desiring to participate in extracurricular activities are encouraged to maintain, at minimum, a semester grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; must abide by geographic/school assignment requirements, unless otherwise provided; and must abide by the applicable policies, rules and regulations pertaining to extracurricular programs or activities.

V. RESPONSIBILITY

A. Principals are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy and any Administrative Rules and Regulations pertaining to this policy.

B. Principals are also responsible for ensuring that the academic performance of students participating in extensive extracurricular activities is monitored during the entire school year and that those students' progress reports and report card grades are reviewed.

C. Sponsors are responsible for communicating to students and their parents the Rules of Behavior for Participation in Extracurricular Activities. Sponsors are responsible for monitoring the yearlong academic progress of students participating in extensive extracurricular activities and for reviewing the progress reports and report card grades for those students.

D. The principal and sponsors are responsible for ensuring that students adhere to all ethical and other standards and that students are disciplined for violations of the policy and its administrative rules and regulations.

E. Students are responsible for maintaining eligibility criteria, including earning passing grades, and adhering to the Student Code of Conduct in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

F. Students are also responsible for exhibiting responsible behavior and maintain high ethical standards at all times.

G. Parents/legal guardians are responsible for providing appropriate documentation in accordance with this policy and any Administrative Rules and Regulations pertaining to this policy.

H. Any questions concerning the interpretation of this policy should be directed to the department responsible for student services and/or academics.

I. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that the district properly implements this policy.

Legal References:

1. Title 49, Chapter 12, Part 3 - Part Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
2. TCA 49-6-3050(e)

Cross References:

1. 6051 Interscholastic Athletics