

Student Conduct Code—excerpt

Conduct Code - Classroom Citizenship

Pages 44-48

LOSS OF PRIVILEGES/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

It is the goal of the District to work with parents to assist students in becoming self-directed and responsible for their own behavior.

When students do not meet the clearly defined and communicated expectations outlined in this Student Conduct Code, the student will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities. Extra-curricular activities include activities that are not associated with a class and activities in which students do not receive a grade. Co-curricular activities are related to a class in which the student earns an academic grade. Extra-curricular activities are limited to:

1. After school recreation (7-8)
2. Student clubs (9-12)
3. Special field trips not a part of regular classroom work (7-12)*
4. School dances (7-8)
5. School assemblies (7-8)
6. Extra-curricular public performances of music, dance, drama, and speech (the loss of these privileges shall not apply to class activities to publicize and/or promote school activities and feeder schools which are conducted during the school day) (7-12)

*** NOTE: THE PRINCIPAL/DESIGNEE MAY MAKE EXCEPTIONS REGARDING ACADEMIC AND ATTENDANCE INELIGIBILITY ONLY, FOR SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS NOT A PART OF REGULAR CLASSROOM WORK (7-12). HOWEVER, SUCH FIELD TRIPS MUST BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.**

**** NOTE: An Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Activity Ineligibility Criteria Chart is included at the end of this section. The chart specifies the activity and the criteria the District shall use for determining ineligibility for participating in said activity.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

1. ACADEMIC

In order for a pupil to participate in the extra-curricular activities listed above, as well as athletics (9-12); spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12), the pupil shall achieve a grade point average of 2.0 with no more than one "F."

Grades 7-8

The eligibility grading periods shall be the first quarter, first semester, third quarter and second semester.

The grading periods shall be considered consecutive and uninterrupted. Therefore, the second semester grade of the 7th grade shall be the basis for determining the first quarter eligibility for the 8th grade year.

Three weeks after grades are released to students, any junior high student has five (5) school days to petition the principal/designee to be placed on academic probation and regain privileges. A student must maintain a "C" grade and satisfactory citizenship in each class to remain on probation.

Grades 9-12

Academic, attendance, substance abuse, behavior, and classroom citizenship eligibility consequences shall not carry over from junior high to high school. **Ineligibility due to Modesto City Schools textbook or library book debts shall carry over from junior high to high school and will be effective beginning 2nd quarter.**

The eligibility grading periods shall be the first quarter, first semester, third quarter and second semester.

The grading periods shall be considered consecutive and uninterrupted. **Therefore, the second semester grade of the previous year shall be the basis for determining the first quarter eligibility for the following year. EXCEPTION: Initial high school eligibility will be waived for all incoming ninth grade students not meeting the district academic eligibility criteria. This shall be a one-time waiver for the first quarter of the fall semester only.**

7-12 Summer School Grades--Effect on Eligibility

Summer school grades shall be included to determine eligibility.

In calculating eligibility, a summer school grade will replace the grade of a "like" course taken previously.

Grades/units earned in summer school classes which do not replace grades earned previously in "like" courses will be averaged with grades from the previous grading period.

Summer school grades shall not impair a student's academic eligibility achieved in the previous grading period

2. ATTENDANCE

Truancy

Absences will be considered unexcused and may affect extra-curricular eligibility if not cleared within seven (7) school days after the student returns from the absence.

A student may not participate in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 45 for nine (9) weeks if the student reaches Step 4 of the truancy policy (described on page 19).

If the student reaches Step 5, the student is ineligible to participate for nine (9) additional weeks from the date the student reached Step 5 of the truancy policy (described on page 19).

If a student reaches Step 6 of the truancy policy (described on page 19), the student is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 45 for the remainder of the school year at the regular campus unless the student returns to the regular campus after successfully completing an alternative education program.

A student reaching Step 6 of the truancy policy is also ineligible for 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance/high school prom; 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies; athletics (9-12); spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12).

Excessive Absenteeism

Students who are absent 15 days in one school year may be placed on Attendance Supervision which imposes the requirement that future absences be verified by a licensed medical practitioner. If a student on Attendance Supervision accumulates five (5) unexcused absences (absences without medical verification), the student will be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 64 the remainder of the school year at the regular campus unless the student returns to the regular campus after successfully completing an alternative education program.

3. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

A. A student who is suspended for:

1. Possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, or possession, use, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant; or
2. For possession of drug paraphernalia is ineligible to participate in extra- curricular activities according to the following guidelines:

1st Offense: Student is ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities listed on page 45 as well as 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance, winter formal, high school prom; 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies; athletics (9-12); spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12) for 18 school weeks from the time of the suspension, unless the student completes a District- approved intervention program. Completion of the program will reduce the period of ineligibility to nine (9) school weeks.

2nd Offense: Student is ineligible for the length of the expulsion. If the student receives a suspended expulsion, the student is ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities listed on page 45 as well as 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance, winter formal, high school prom; 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies; athletics (9-12); spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12) for 18 school weeks from the time of the first day of suspension unless the student completes a District- approved intervention program. Completion of the program will reduce the period of ineligibility to nine (9) school weeks.

B. A student who possesses a controlled substance (except for the first offense of possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana other than concentrated cannabis) or who sells, furnishes, or unlawfully offers, arranges, or negotiates to sell an alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, drug- paraphernalia, or an in-lieu substance (look-a-like purported to be a controlled substance) is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities according to the following guidelines:

1st Offense: Student is ineligible for the length of the expulsion. If the student receives a suspended expulsion, the student is ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities listed on page 45 as well as 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance, winter formal, high school prom; 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies; athletics (9-12); spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12) for 18 school weeks from the date of suspension unless the student completes a District-approved intervention program. Completion of the

4. **BEHAVIOR**

Students who are home suspended for four (4) days and/or home suspended twice within a quarter are to be declared “ineligible” and may not participate in extra- curricular activities as listed on page 45 as well as 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance, winter formal, high school prom; 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies; athletics (9-12); spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12) for nine (9) school weeks commencing from the time of the suspension. If an additional suspension occurs during the nine (9) school week period, the period of ineligibility is to be extended for nine (9) school weeks effective the date of the subsequent suspension, but will not extend beyond the current school year.

Students who are on involuntary transfer to alternative education will be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 45, including the winter formal and senior prom, athletics (9-12), spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12), student government (7-12) for the remainder of the school year at the regular campus unless the student returns to the regular campus after successfully completing an alternative education program.

5. **CLASSROOM CITIZENSHIP** (Consequences for citizenship marks do not carry from junior high to high school.)

Students who receive two or more “unsatisfactory” citizenship marks from teachers may not participate in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 45 until the next regular reporting period (the following quarter).

For grades 7-8, if a student received two or more “unsatisfactory” citizenship marks, the student may petition the principal to be placed on behavioral probation three (3) weeks after grades are released to students if the student has improved citizenship marks. Once the student is placed on behavioral probation, the student will be eligible to take part in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 45 if the student maintains a “C” grade and satisfactory citizenship in each of the student’s classes. The reporting periods shall be considered consecutive and uninterrupted. Therefore, the fourth quarter citizenship marks of the previous year shall be the basis for determining first quarter eligibility for the following year. The effective date to determine eligibility shall be the day report cards are released to student.

Students who receive two or more unsatisfactory marks in the third quarter shall also be ineligible for 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance/high school prom; and 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies.

Note: If the high school prom occurs before third quarter marks become final, the second quarter citizenship marks determine eligibility.

8th GRADE STUDENTS/THIRD QUARTER CITIZENSHIP MARKS

An 8th grade student who receives two unsatisfactory citizenship marks the third quarter may regain the privilege of participating in the 8th grade trip, 8th grade graduation dance, and 8th grade graduation ceremony if teacher verification of improved citizenship is substantiated by the school administration.

6. **DEBTS OWED FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Students with outstanding Modesto City School debts (K-12) will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities as listed on page 45 as well as 8th grade/senior trips; 8th grade graduation dance/high school prom; 8th grade/senior graduation ceremonies; athletics (9-12), spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12); student government (7-12) until the debt is paid or until the student establishes a program of voluntary work as provided by the Education Code 48904 in lieu of payment.

Notification to the parent/guardian regarding the debt will be made in writing. The effective date to determine eligibility shall be three (3) days after the issuance of the notification letter.

Loss of privileges includes participation in the graduation ceremony (grades 7-12) if the parent/guardian is notified of the debt at least three (3) days prior to the ceremony.

Note: Attendance, substance abuse, behavior, and classroom citizenship eligibility consequences shall not carry over from junior high to high school.

However, any student who owes for outstanding school debts will remain ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities, grades 7-12, athletics (9-12), spirit leaders/cheerleaders (9-12), student government (7-12), until the debt is paid or until the student establishes a program of voluntary work as provided in Education Code 48904 in lieu of payment. EXCEPTION: Initial high school eligibility will be waived for all incoming ninth grade students not meeting the district academic eligibility criteria. This shall be a one-time waiver for the first quarter of the fall semester only.

ALL 7-12 STUDENTS

The District reserves the right to exclude a student from the graduation ceremony or other activities for a flagrant infraction to the Student Conduct Code irrespective of the student’s citizenship status.