

### EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

#### Extracurricular/Co-curricular Activity Program Participation

Extracurricular activity programs are defined as programs beyond the normal school day which are not an integral part of a class for which credit is given. Examples include, but are not limited to, athletic teams, debate, Science Olympiad, various clubs, and competitive marching band.

Co-curricular activity programs are defined as classes that require a student to participate in any capacity in a public performance or to serve as a representative of SLCS as a component of the assessment for the class. Alternate assignments will be given to students who do not meet the eligibility requirements. Leadership, choir and band classes are the co-curricular activities.

Current extracurricular and co-curricular activity programs will be listed in the handbooks annually. The following must be approved by the Board if:

- A. A co-curricular program is added
- B. An extracurricular program is changed to co-curricular
- C. A co-curricular program is changed to extracurricular

Written program expectations and responsibilities will be developed and distributed to the participants by the director of the activity.

The district may establish pay to participate fees for extracurricular activities.

#### Eligibility Requirements

The activity program is viewed as a supplement to the overall academic program; therefore, the South Lyon Community Schools establishes the following requirements:

- A. Participants in these programs must be fulltime students. The definition of a full-time student is one who is a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in a South Lyon high school or middle school and who is progressing toward graduation from a South Lyon high school.

- B. Athletes must meet all of the Michigan High School Athletic Association eligibility requirements.

Athletes and participants in all extracurricular/co-curricular activity programs must meet the Academic standards adopted by the Board.

- C. Student Conduct considerations for Activity Program Eligibility - Participants in these programs represent South Lyon Community Schools. While at school and in the community, participants in these activity programs must conform to Board Policies and the Parent/Student Handbook. The behavior of students during school days and non-school days and times will be considered when determining eligibility.

When determining eligibility of South Lyon students, including transfer students, the administration will carefully consider the following:

1. Has the student's behavior brought (or will it bring) negative attention to South Lyon Community Schools or its extracurricular/co-curricular activity program?
2. Has the student demonstrated inappropriate behavior, which has brought notoriety to him/herself?
3. Has the student transferred or is the student planning to transfer to South Lyon Community Schools in order to escape the consequences of his/her actions at a previous school?

In the event of a reported incident involving a student that participates in an extra and/or co-curricular activity, an investigation will be conducted by an administrator at the school that the student attends. If the assistant principal conducts the investigation, his/her decision may be appealed to the principal and then to the Assistant Superintendent of CITA. If the principal conducts the investigation, his/her decision may be appealed to the Assistant Superintendent of CITA.

- D. Only middle school students may participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities at the middle school level. In order to participate, the students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

	MIDDLE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY COMPONENT	RATIONALE
1.	Minimum semester grade point requirement of <u>1.7</u> and no more than one end of semester "E"s or "I"s establishes eligibility for next semester.	SLCS utilizes pluses and minuses for grading; this minimum GPA represents a C-. We believe that this is a reasonable minimum standard for eligibility.
2.	Once eligibility is established students must pass a minimum of four classes before official eligibility checks, generally on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month.	This allows students to experience difficulty receive a "warning" and have the opportunity to improve their performance prior to being declared ineligible.
3.	Minimum time of ineligibility = two weeks as long as student regains eligibility with a 1.7 GPA and no more than one E.	The student should be able to spend this period of time focusing on studies prior to having eligibility restored.
4.	Semester incompletes must be eliminated to restore eligibility with a 1.7 GPA and no more than one E.	We believe that this will minimize incompletes being utilized to circumvent the eligibility requirements.
5.	Co-curricular activities: If a student is ineligible for public performances because s/he is not a fulltime student or due to failure to meet academic or behavioral standards as defined in this policy, alternative assessments shall be provided. This will allow students to attend class, receive a grade and still adhere to the eligibility requirements.	In an effort to support the performing arts and other co-curricular activities, students enrolled in co-curricular activities may participate in performances at the middle school or at other schools within the District during regular school hours.
6.	Special education students will be required to comply with academic and behavioral standards subject to the individual's IEPC as provided in the state and federal laws.	If a special education student is at risk of a failing grade in a class, the IEPC process may be a suitable course of action.
7.	Activities that are impacted by eligibility standards are: Tryouts, practices, and games, events and activities that occur before or after	To comply with MHSAA rules.

	regular hours on home course, field, arena, court, pool (etc.) or at away events	
8.	Activities not impacted by eligibility standards are: Summer camp and activities during regular school hours, as long as the activities are not competitions, games, events, festivals or contests	Not a compliance issue with MHSAA.

- E. Only high school students may participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities at the high school level. In order to participate, the students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

	HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY COMPONENT	RATIONALE
1.	Minimum semester grade point requirement of 1.7 and no end of semester "E"s or "I"s establishes eligibility for next semester.	SLCS utilizes pluses and minuses for grading; this minimum GPA represents a C-. We believe that this is a reasonable minimum standard for eligibility.
2.	Once eligibility is established students must pass a minimum of four classes before official eligibility checks, generally on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month.	This allows students to experience difficulty, receive a "warning" and have the opportunity to improve their performance prior to being declared ineligible.
3.	Minimum time of ineligibility = two weeks as long as student regains eligibility with a 1.70 GPA and no "E"s	The student should be able to spend this period of time focusing on studies prior to having eligibility restored.
4.	Semester incompletes must be eliminated to restore eligibility with a 1.70 GPA and no "E"s.	We believe that this will minimize incompletes being utilized to circumvent the eligibility requirements.
5.	Co-curricular activities: If a student is ineligible for public performances because s/he is not a fulltime student or due to failure to meet	In an effort to support the performing arts and other co-curricular activities, students enrolled in co-curricular activities

	HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY COMPONENT	RATIONALE
	academic or behavioral standards as defined in this policy, alternative assessments shall be provided. This will allow students to attend class, receive a grade and still adhere to the eligibility requirements.	may participate in performances at the high school or at other schools within the District during regular school hours, in accordance with rationale #10 below.
6.	Summer school may be considered for eligibility.	Summer school classes are subject to approval of the building principal.
7.	Night school classes will not be considered for eligibility.	Students should not be attending classes both day and night to restore eligibility.
8.	Special education students will be required to comply with academic and behavioral standards subject to the individual's IEPC as provided in the state and federal laws.	If a special education student is at risk of a failing grade in a class, the IEPC process may be a suitable course of action.
9.	Activities that are impacted by eligibility standards are: Tryouts, practices, and games, events and activities that occur before or after regular hours on home course, field, arena, court, pool (etc.) or at away events	To comply with MHSAA rules.
10.	Activities not impacted by eligibility standards are: Summer camp and activities during regular school hours, as long as the activities are not competitions, games, events, festivals or contests.	Not a compliance issue with MHSAA.

- F. Limited exceptions for elementary student participation in high school drama productions will be allowed when casting requirements call for this with regard to age, provided there is parent approval, administration approval, and in accordance with age appropriate time restriction guidelines.
- G. Exceptions to this policy for the high school musicals may only be made for the orchestra with administrator's approval and must follow administrative guidelines.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular  
*STANDARDS OF CONDUCT*

Representing South Lyon Community Schools beyond the school day is a privilege and not a right. Students currently involved in these co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are expected to represent the highest ideals of character by exemplifying good conduct and good citizenship. When the administration learns of an infraction involving a student that occurred during non-school times (such as evening, summer, holiday breaks or weekends) that is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, Board of Education, and/or the law and based on the severity and/or the possibility of bringing about liability or negative notoriety to the District, an independent school investigation shall occur.

Examples of infractions could include violations of federal, state or local law/ordinance including felony or misdemeanor acts other than minor traffic offenses (Conviction of said offenses is not necessary to establish a violation); cumulative or gross misconduct, including behavior which school officials consider conduct unbecoming a representative of the South Lyon Community Schools; hazing activities of any type; or the use, possession, sale, delivery, distribution or transfer of any prohibited drug, alcohol, tobacco or drug paraphernalia.

A meeting will then take place with the student, parents, and other interested parties that may include a coach, advisor, or staff member, among others. Following this meeting, and after weighing all information, the administrator shall determine appropriate discipline, if any. Depending on the severity of the incident, penalties may include social probation of a minimum of six weeks, restitution, suspension, and/or dismissal from membership in these after-school activities.

Social Probation means the student loses all privileges to attend any and all school activities other than those pertaining to attendance in regularly scheduled classes. Examples of privilege loss include, but are not limited to, attendance or participation in any athletic, co-curricular, or extra-curricular activity. During social probation, students are also not allowed on any school property for any community events (e.g., Panther football). If there are special circumstances regarding community events, requests for written approval may be made to the Superintendent or his/her designee. Social probation will begin when the student returns from suspension, with the exception of the summer months where social probation will precede the school suspension. Social probation for summer infractions begins August 1. For infractions that occur or investigations that conclude after August 1, social probation begins at that time. If the time period for social probation has not been fulfilled before the student is suspended from school, the duration of the social probation will be carried over

when the student returns from the suspension. For social probation that has not been fully served by the last day of the school year, the remaining time will begin August 1. A student whose social probation begins or continues on August 1 is also excluded from all summer activities and may not be on school property.

The decision of the administrator may be appealed to the Assistant Superintendent of CITA within twenty-four (24) hours of the final decision provided to the parent/guardian in writing, whose decision is final.

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