

5850 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CLASS TRIPS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of social events and class trips that will enhance and enrich the school experience for the pupils of this district.

For purposes of this policy, a "social event" is a party, celebration, or dance organized for the participation of pupils, and "class trips" are trips taken by pupils in a single graduating class, pupils who share a particular interest in an activity, or pupils who are enrolled in a particular subject area. Social events and class trips are not related or are only indirectly related to the curriculum.

The Board will make school facilities available and assign staff members as appropriate for the conduct of social events on school premises that have been approved by the Building Principal and for social events and class trips away from school premises that have been approved by the Building Principal. A social event or class trip may be considered to have been approved by this Board only when the Board has duly assigned one or more chaperones to supervise participating pupils. The Board will assume no responsibility for a pupil social event or trip that has not been approved in accordance with this policy.

The Board will not approve a social event or class trip that has the effect of reducing the school year for participating pupils to fewer than one hundred eighty days.

The Board reserves the right to cancel any scheduled trip.

Social events or class trips are not part of the thorough and efficient system of education provided by the Board. Participation in them is therefore not a right and may be denied to any pupil without the due process of notice and an opportunity to be heard. A pupil who demonstrates disregard for school rules may summarily be denied participation in social events and class trips.

Pupils who participate in approved social events and class trips are subject to district rules for pupil conduct and must submit to the authority of assigned chaperones. Infractions of the rules will be subject to discipline in the same manner as are infractions of rules during the regular school program.

A pupil who possesses or consumes alcohol or drugs in the course of an approved social event or class trip will be deemed to have placed all other participating pupils at risk and shall be immediately dismissed from the event or trip. Any such pupil will be returned home by appropriate and safe means of transportation in the company of a chaperone, the pupil's parent(s)



or legal guardian(s), or a representative of the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Any expenses incurred by the dismissal will be the responsibility of the pupil and/or the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

The Superintendent will develop regulations governing the conduct and safety of all participants in social events and class trips and will distribute them to pupil and adult participants.

Standards of Eligibility

There are three standards of eligibility for all school events: academic eligibility, behavioral eligibility and attendance. The Superintendent may modify or alter as needed for unusual circumstances.

A. Academic Eligibility

1. Pupils who maintain a C or seventy percent average or above in all of their classes each marking period are considered to be in good academic standing and eligible to participate in social events and class trips.
2. Pupils who are on academic probation are eligible to participate in social events and class trips from the time the report card is issued to the issuance of the report card in the following marking period.
 - a. Academic probation applies to pupils who:
 - (1) Have received one or more grades of D or below seventy percent and who in the past have always proved to be a pupil in good academic standing; and
 - (2) Have had extenuating circumstances in their lives, i.e., death in the family, crisis in home or school life, learning difficulties that have contributed to grades of D or below.
 - b. For pupils on academic probation:
 - (1) A letter will be sent by the Principal to inform the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of their pupil's academic status; and
 - (2) A monitoring program to ensure academic improvement will include one or more of the following.



- (a) Parent(s) or legal guardian(s)/teacher-administration conference;
 - (b) Parent(s) or legal guardian(s)/teacher written or verbal contacts;
 - (c) Meeting with the school counselor;
 - (d) Attending extra-help sessions;
 - (d) A bi-weekly status up-date by all teachers;
 - (e) Mid-marking progress reports; and
 - (f) Pupil contract.
 - (3) If a pupil receives all grades of C or better the next marking period, that pupil is now returned to good academic standing and can again participate in social events and class trips.
 - (4) If the pupil again receives any grade of D or lower during the next marking period, he/she is placed on academic suspension. Grades from the fourth quarter of the previous academic school year will affect eligibility status for the first quarter of the new school year.
3. Pupils who are on academic suspension are not eligible to participate in or join any social events and class trips until the pupil receives all grades of C or better for a two week period. If a pupil's grades drops below a C, at any point in time, they will be place back on academic suspension until the end of the marking period.
- a. Academic suspension applies to pupils who continue to receive one or more grades of D or below seventy percent and have been on academic probation for more than one marking period.
 - b. Placement is not to be held on any sports, club, or activity for any pupils who are on academic suspension.



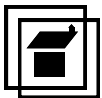
- c. Pupils on academic suspension may not attend any practice or activity or be in the school building for a reason other than receiving additional academic assistance.

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- d. Pupils on academic suspension:
 - (1) Participate in a monitoring program similar to that above for pupils on academic probation;
- e. Pupils on academic suspension may be referred to the Intervention and Resource Committee.

B. Behavioral Eligibility

- 1. Pupils are eligible to participate in social events and class trips if they hold fifteen or less points on the school's discipline system.
- 2. Pupils are not eligible to participate as stated if they accrue points as follows:
 - a. If student's current status is over 15 Points – Students will lose the following privileges:
 - (1) Participation in all extracurricular activities (sports teams, chorus, band, Student Council, DI, etc.)
 - (2) Graduation
 - (3) 8th grade dance
 - (4) 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip
 - (5) 7th grade Fairview Lakes trip
 - (6) Field trips with alternate program put in place at school
 - b. A student is subject to a discipline committee review to determine eligibility for future school events, if the student accumulates 20 or more points during the course of the year. The points are calculated by the total number of points a child receives throughout the course of a single academic year, regardless of any point reductions.



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3. Students may initiate point-reduction plans through school community service provided said plans are worked out in advance and approved by school administration. An hour of volunteer community service will equal three (3)

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points. Sample services may include but are not limited to assisting a teacher before or after school with an activity or volunteering time at a school function.

C. Attendance

1. A pupil in grades Kindergarten through eighth may be ineligible for participating if he/she has demonstrated unusual attendance by missing ten (10) or more days of school.
2. No pupil who has been absent for a school day may participate in an activity, event, trip, or performance scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.
3. A pupil who has been suspended from participation in co-curricular activities for reason of poor attendance will be offered an opportunity to work out a plan for improved attendance with the Principal. If the pupil adheres to the plan and demonstrates his/her improved attendance within a period of not less than two weeks, the pupil may be reinstated to participation in co-curricular activities.

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