

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Costa Mesa, California

SUPERINTENDENT'S POLICY

100-34

**Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities**

The Orange County Department of Education recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The Orange County Department of Education shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic listed as a prohibited category of discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases. Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity.

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the Orange County Department of Education's extracurricular or cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with Orange County Department of Education's Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Unless specifically authorized by law, no fee shall be charged to students for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities related to the educational program, including materials or equipment related to the activity.

*Eligibility Requirements*

Any interested student is eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

Any decision regarding the eligibility of any child in foster care or a child of an active duty military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

### *Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events*

When attending or participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities on or off campus, Orange County Department of Education students are subject to Orange County Department of Education policies and procedures relating to student conduct. Students who violate Orange County Department of Education policies and procedures may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Orange County Department of Education policy and procedures. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

### *Annual Policy Review*

The Orange County Department of Education shall annually review this policy and procedures.

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

35145 Public meetings

35160.5 District and county office of education policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation

35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia

35181 Students' responsibilities

48850 Participation of foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports

48930-48938 Student organizations

49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

49700-49704 Education of children of military families

#### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 9, Section 5 Common school system

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

350 Fees not permitted

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments