New London Local School District Board of Education Policy Manual Chapter VII – Instructional Program

MANDATORY

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ACADEMIC POLICY

The Board recognizes the value of a program of extracurricular activities for students in grades 7-12 as an integral part of the total school experience for the students of the district and for the community. However, student participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right.

For the purpose of this policy, "Extracurricular Activities" refers to a pupil activity program that a school or the district sponsors, and is under the supervision of a coach/advisor/and/or director. "Extracurricular activities" do not include activities in the district's graded course of study. However, band and choir students not meeting these established standards will be excluded from all non-graded/non-credit related activities of the organization during the ensuing grade period.

As a condition for the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities, a student must have attained a minimum grade point average of 1.3 at the end of each grading period and received no more than one failing grade for any course in the district's graded course of study in the previous grading period. There will be no rounding up of grade points and no probationary eligibility if the grade point is not achieved. This standard will be effective with grades earned during the first grading period of the 2006-2007 school year.

In addition, students participating in any program regulated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) must also comply with any eligibility regulations and bylaws established by the Association.

If a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates that an exemption from this policy would be appropriate, such eligibility requirements shall be adjusted accordingly for the student. The review committee, comprised of the athletic director, a guidance counselor, and the high school principal, may place the student on academic probation with continued participation being contingent upon improved and/or continued student performance. However, the OHSAA mandates may not be exempted by an IEP.

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