

POLICY TITLE: PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – CITIZENSHIP AND SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS		
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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: STUDENTS		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards and requirements of participation by students in extracurricular activities.

II. Definitions

A. **Extracurricular Activity** means school sponsored events, programs or undertakings that:

- 1) generally occur after the regular school day;
- 2) are not graded and for which a credit is not earned, and is not described as a part of a course of study or subject offering in the course description guide including, but not limited to, interscholastic sports; and,
- 3) which is coached or supervised by Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) staff paid pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or a coach appointed pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.06.03.04 B.

B. **Probation** means permission granted by a principal of a school to a student to continue to participate in extracurricular activities despite a student's ineligibility, conditioned upon the student's achieving grades on his or her interim grade report which restore the student's eligibility.

III. Statement of Policy

A student is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for reasons based on scholastic status and/or citizenship as follows.

A. Scholastic

1. Ineligibility – A student is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities if the student has received a failing grade in any subject on a quarterly report card grade, except for the year end report card, or has received a failing grade in any subject as a final grade.
2. Notification – The student shall be notified in writing of his/her ineligibility.
3. Period of Ineligibility – Ineligibility shall be effective the first day of school following the distribution of report cards. Such period of ineligibility shall continue until the first school day after the quarter the student was ineligible ends and the student meets eligibility requirements.
4. Summer School Grades – In the event a student, as a result of attendance at summer school, achieves passing grades which replace fourth quarter or final grades on his/her fourth quarter report card, such student shall be eligible for extracurricular activities the start of the next school year.
5. Probation – At the principal’s discretion, any student declared ineligible for scholastic reasons may be placed on probation rather than being declared ineligible.
6. Appeal – A student declared ineligible may appeal his/her ineligibility to a school eligibility committee. Any such appeal must be filed in writing within three school days after the student has received written notification of his/her ineligibility unless the student’s ineligibility occurs at the end of the fourth quarter of the school year in which case the student’s appeal shall be filed in writing no later than the first day of tryouts for Fall sports.
7. Appeal Decision – The eligibility committee shall meet and decide all appeals no later than the sixth school day after report cards are issued except with respect to fourth quarter report cards in which case the eligibility committee shall meet and decide a student’s appeal no later than the sixth school day after teachers have returned for duty. The eligibility committee may recommend to the principal that the student’s eligibility be restored if it finds that circumstances beyond the student’s reasonable control caused the failures which resulted in the student’s ineligibility. The eligibility committee shall

submit its recommendation to the principal who shall make a final decision regarding the student's eligibility appeal.

8. Eligibility Pending Appeal – A student declared ineligible shall not be eligible to participate pending the outcome of his/her appeal. A student, however, may try out for a team pending the outcome of his/her appeal.

B. Citizenship

1. Ineligibility – A student is ineligible to participate in or to try out for extracurricular activities if the student is suspended from school for any period of time.
2. Period of Ineligibility – The student shall be ineligible from the first day of the suspension until the last day of the suspension subject to the following. The eligibility committee shall review all cases where a student has been declared ineligible for citizenship reasons and shall make a recommendation to the principal as to whether to extend the student's period of ineligibility beyond the period of suspension. The principal of the school shall make the final determination as to the period of such extended ineligibility.
3. **Appeal – There is no appeal for students who are ineligible for citizenship reasons.**

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

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Board of Education of Harford County

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LEGAL REFERENCES¹

All references are set forth in the Policy.

¹ All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.