

MARISSA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

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Instruction

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

The Superintendent shall approve all District-sponsored extracurricular and co-curricular activities, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of members.
2. Fees are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. Student body desires are considered.
4. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

Building Principals are responsible for the scheduling and announcing of student extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Non-school sponsored student groups are governed by the District's policy on student use of school buildings.

Academic Criteria for Participation.

For students in kindergarten through grade six (6): Selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code.

Eligibility Requirements for Athletics grades 7 through 12

Selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teaches, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in athletic activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extracurricular activity, a student must satisfy the Local and the Illinois High School Association's scholastic standing requirements:

- ❑ They shall be doing passing work in at least twenty (20) credit hours of high school work per week.
- ❑ They shall, unless they are entering junior or senior high school for the first time, have credit on the school records for twenty (20) credit hours of junior or senior high school work for the previous semester. Such work

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shall have been completed in the semester for which credit is granted or in a recognized summer school program, which has been approved by the Board of Education and for which graduation credit is received.

- ❑ They shall not have graduated from any four-year high school or its equivalent.
- ❑ Student receiving more than one failing grade on the weekly eligibility sheet will be ineligible to participate in competition until such deficiency has been rectified.
- ❑ Passing work shall be defined as work of such a grade that if on any given date a student would transfer to another school, passing grades for the course would immediately be certified on the student's transcript to the school to which they transfer.

Any student-participant failing to meet these academic criteria shall be suspended from the activity until the specified academic criteria are met.

Semester Athletic Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in athletics, -unless they are entering junior or senior high school for the first time, a student shall have passed and received credit for twenty (20) credit hours of junior or senior high work for the entire previous semester. Failure to maintain that minimum standard shall cause that student to be ineligible for athletic participation for the ensuing semester.

Eligibility Requirements for Non-Athletic Extracurricular Activities.

Selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teaches, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses. To be eligible to participate in non-athletic extracurricular activities (as defined below) – unless they are entering junior or senior high school for the first time, a student must be doing passing work in at least twenty (20) credit hours of junior or senior high school work per week. Any student-participant failing to meet these academic criteria shall be suspended from the activity until the specified academic criteria are met.

Semester Non-Athletic Extracurricular Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in Non-Athletic Extracurricular Activities – unless they are entering junior or senior high school for the first time, a student must have earned a minimum of twenty (20) credit

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hours of junior or senior high school work during the previous semester. Failure to maintain that minimum standard shall cause that student to be ineligible for participation for the ensuing semester. For the purpose of this policy, extracurricular activities are those school-sponsored activities, clubs, and organizations that are not directly linked to the curriculum or classroom instruction. Therefore, extracurricular activities that are exempt, from this eligibility policy, are those activities in which a student participates in eligible to be credited with a grade or points for an approved or related class or course. Approval to be an exempt non-athletic extracurricular activity shall only be granted by the Board. Current non-athletic extracurricular activities exempt from the above eligibility requirements are Band, Chorus concerts and performances that are assigned by the instructor for a grade, and FFA.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30.

CROSS REF.: 4:170, 7:40, 7:240, 7:300, 7:330 (student use of school buildings)

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