

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	SECTION 509
509.1 Permitted Extracurricular Activities 509.2 Academic Standards for Participation in Extracurricular Activities in the Senior High School 509.3 Athletic Program	Adopted: 6/11/08 Reviewed: 5/28/08

509.1 Permitted Extracurricular Activities

Only those extracurricular activities, (i.e., school-sponsored activities which occur outside the regular school day) that are covered in the provisions below shall be permitted.

- A. In grade kindergarten through eight, interscholastic sports and marching band will not be part of the school program for the students. Those programs or activities that extend beyond the school day should be generally limited to programs that are an extension of regular classroom work and flow naturally from the school curriculum.
- B. In grades nine through twelve, only those extracurricular activities that are adequately supervised will be permitted.
- C. With the exception of D. below, high school extracurricular activities shall be open only to students in grades nine through twelve.
- D. Exceptions may be made for elementary and middle school students by the appropriate associate superintendent when younger students are needed for a drama or musical program.

509.2 Academic Standards for Participation in Extracurricular Activities in the Senior High School

The Frederick County Public School system is committed to providing an excellent extracurricular activity program for students. Extracurricular activities are those school-sponsored activities other than regular class activities in which the student represents the school. The school system considers participation in these activities as a student privilege not a student right. Therefore, in order to participate in extracurricular activities a student must maintain specific academic standards. The following academic standards for extracurricular activities were developed to reflect the belief that a student's first obligation is to perform satisfactorily in the academic setting.

- A. A student, to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, must have the minimum of a 2.00 grade point average and no "F" grades. Grades used to determine eligibility will be recorded on report cards and interim reports. Grades used to determine ineligibility will be 9-week term grades only. Eligibility/ineligibility for fall extracurricular activities is determined by the fourth term grades from the previous year.

1. The student will become eligible/ineligible on the first school day following the system-designated posting date for that marking period. The June posting date will serve as the designated eligible/ineligible day for all fall activities. Students may also become eligible on the first school day following the system's designated posting date for that interim report grade.
 2. In any grading period, if a student has made a schedule change, and if the student receives an interim report for either class involved in the schedule change, then the class in which the student has been enrolled for the most number of days (within the reporting period) will be used to determine the student's eligibility.
 3. When a student believes that a procedural error has occurred through a miscalculation, omission or an inaccurate reporting in the awarding of a grade, an appeal may be made to the school principal. The student in this situation must be prepared to demonstrate in his/her appeal the circumstances that may have created an incorrect grade. This appeal must be initiated by the student in writing within five (5) school days of the system designated day for posting grades for that marking period. Until a decision is rendered by the principal, the student remains ineligible. The principal's decision must be made within five (5) school days of the appeal and will be final.
 4. Each high school must develop a procedure to inform all students that are ineligible on the school system designated day for posting grades.
- B. The student may practice during an ineligibility period, but may not accompany the team or group or be excused from any class for the extracurricular activity concerned.
- C. A student who becomes ineligible as determined by fourth term grades in June may participate in practice sessions for fall extracurricular activities. The ineligible student may not perform, accompany the team or group or be excused from any class for any extracurricular activity. Eligibility will be determined at the issuance of the first interim report in the first term of the new school year.

509.3 Athletic Program

- A. The board supports an active and varied extracurricular athletic program for high school boys and girls.
- B. This athletic program is administered in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland High School Athletic Association and existing law regarding equal access on the basis of race, religion, or gender.
- C. The board believes that the implementation of the athletic program should reflect equity in funding, scheduling, and access to program and facilities. The program should allow all interested students, male or female, a relatively equal opportunity both to enjoy the benefits of athletic participation and to pursue the academic requirements for a high school diploma.
- D. The superintendent shall develop regulations and procedures that will ensure equity and report to the board periodically on the status of the athletic program in this regard.