

KANAWHA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

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In compliance With West Virginia State Board Policy 2436.10, "Participation in Extracurricular Activities", the Kanawha County Board of Education sets forth the following guidelines.

Definition

This policy applies only to nonacademic extracurricular activities, such as interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, student government, class officers, and clubs which are not closely related to identifiable programs/areas of study, in grades 7-12. Excluded from this policy are extracurricular activities which are closely related to identifiable academic programs/areas of study and which serve to complement academic curricular activities, such as vocational, linguistic, mathematic, scientific, forensic, theatrical, musical, journalistic, and other similar academic extracurricular activities.

Eligibility

In order to participate in the extracurricular activities to which this policy applies, a student must:

1. Maintain a 2.0 average
 - a. A 2.0 average is defined as a grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better on a scale where an "A" mark earns 4 points, a "B" is awarded 3 points, a "C" is worth 2 points, a "D" is given a value of 1 point, and "F" is worth 0 points. Nine weeks courses will count half the value of semester courses in calculating the (GPA).

EXAMPLE: Calculation of Semester Grade Average

Class	Number of Classes	Semester Grade	Grade Point Value
Math	1	B	3
Science	1	C	2
Social Studies	1	B	3
English	1	A	4

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Foreign Language	1	C	2
Phys. Ed. Nine Weeks	½	A	2 ½ of 4
Home Ec. Nine Weeks	½	B	1.5 ½ of 3
Total	6		17.5

GPA = Total Grade Points/Total Classes

$$\text{GPA} = 17.5/6 = 2.91$$

b. In computing a student's "grade-point average" (GPA) for the purpose of this policy, all subjects taken by the student and for which a final grade is recorded are to be considered. Athletic and cheerleading practice may not be counted as a subject. The total number of classes taken is divided into the total number of "grade points" earned to determine the GPA.

c . The student's eligibility will be determined for each semester by his or her GPA the previous semester.

d. If a student does not maintain a 2.0 average for the first semester, he or she will be ineligible for participation in the second semester.

e. If a student does not maintain a 2.0 average for the second semester he or she may attend summer school to raise the GPA. For purposes of computing the GPA after summer school, all the student's grades from the second semester plus his or her grade from the summer school will be used to determine the GPA. This provision is effective retroactively to the end of the second semester of the 1983-84 school year so that work taken at an approved summer school in 1984 may be used to determine a student's GPA for the first semester of the 1984-85 school year.

f. In the case of handicapped students, if grades are given, all grades received from placements in regular classrooms and special education classrooms should be included when computing the GPA. Handicapped students placed in ungraded programs will be eligible for participation in

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extracurricular activities if their records indicate that they are making satisfactory progress in meeting the objectives of their IEP.

g. A student who has not achieved a 2.0 GPA the previous semester may have his or her eligibility reinstated at midsemester if the student has attained at least a 2.0 GPA for the most recent grading period.

2. Meet state and local attendance requirements.

a. Students must meet the attendance requirement in Graduation Requirements for West Virginia. Public Schools: Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12) of a full day for students in the first three years of grades 9-12 and at least four class periods in the fourth year of grades 9-12.

b. The Kanawha County Board of Education requires that all high school students grades 9-12 attend a full day of school. Exceptions to this requirement are students who are enrolled in work-release programs, vocational education, or taking approved college courses.

Effective Date

This policy is effective at the end of the first semester of the 1983-84 school year.