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Eligibility for Student Extracurricular Activities
Policy Series: 3000 Students

Policy No. 3510
Procedure 1

10 Provo City School District follows the rules and regulations established by the Utah High School
11 Activities Association (UHSA) for participation in extracurricular activities.

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Definitions:

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1. Ineligibility: A status indicating that a student does not meet the established requirements to participate in athletics. Ineligibility may result from academic, enrollment, age, residency, or other eligibility criteria not being satisfied.
2. Suspension: A temporary removal of a student's ability to participate in athletics due to a violation of rules, policies, or standards of conduct. A suspension is imposed as a consequence of a specific action and remains in effect for a defined period or until stated conditions are met.

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~~**Participation Eligibility** In order to be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity event for a grade report period following the initial grade report period of a school year, a student shall not have a recorded grade average lower than 2.0 on a scale of 0-100 in course(s) for the preceding grade report period or have more than 1 failed or incomplete courses for the preceding grade report period.~~

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Fees for Participation in Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities

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Participation in certain co-curricular and extracurricular activities may require the payment of activity fees to offset costs associated with equipment, uniforms, transportation, officials, event entry, and other program-related expenses.

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The District may establish reasonable fees for participation in these activities. Payment of required fees, or approval of a fee waiver or payment plan when applicable, is a condition of participation and travel with the activity or team.

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42 The District and school reserve the right to restrict participation in practices, competitions,
43 performances, and travel opportunities when required fees have not been paid or arrangements
44 have not been made in accordance with established procedures.

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46 The District shall maintain procedures to ensure that students are not excluded from
47 participation solely due to financial hardship, including processes for fee waivers, scholarships,
48 or alternative payment arrangements, consistent with District policy and applicable law. Please
49 see [Policy 6160: School Fees and Fee Waivers](#) ~~on School Fees~~ for further information.

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51 **Rule 1: Academic Eligibility**

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53 ~~A student in grades 7-12 may participate in extracurricular activities on or off campus at the~~
54 ~~beginning of the school year.~~

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56 For high school students to maintain academic eligibility, they must be enrolled as full-time
57 students carrying a minimum of ~~four (4)~~ ~~six (6)~~ academic, credit-bearing courses within the high
58 school's eight period block schedule. Exceptions can be made by school administrators as long
59 as it does not allow the student to be off-track for graduation. ~~Parent approved Ed-Release~~
60 ~~periods count as periods of enrollment at a school.~~

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62 ~~At the conclusion of every academic quarter, At each term grade checkpoint, students must~~
63 ~~have a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. and no more than one failing grade to remain eligible to participate~~
64 ~~in athletics or school activities. Incompetes (I), no grades (NG) and no credits (NC) are~~
65 ~~considered failures and must be factored into the grade point average (GPA) until made up.~~
66 ~~Incoming ninth grade students are eligible by default and do not have to use fourth quarter~~
67 ~~grades from their eighth grade year to meet academic eligibility requirements. However,~~
68 ~~beginning with the first quarter of their ninth grade, academic eligibility requirements are in~~
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71 At the end of each academic quarter, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average
72 (GPA) of 2.0 and may have no more than one failing grade in order to remain eligible to
73 participate in athletics or school activities.

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75 Grades of Incomplete (I), No Grade (NG), or No Credit (NC) shall be treated as failing grades
76 and included in the calculation of the student's GPA until the grade is changed or credit is
77 earned.

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79 Incoming ninth-grade students are eligible to participate in athletics and activities at the
80 beginning of the school year and are not required to use fourth-quarter grades from eighth
81 grade to establish eligibility. Beginning with the end of first quarter grades of the ninth-grade
82 year, students must meet the academic eligibility requirements described above.

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84 Students who take online courses or courses that are outside of the purview of the school in
85 which they are participating in extracurricular activities must provide transcripts and evidence
86 that they meet the academic eligibility requirements. If they do not produce this documentation,
87 they can be prohibited from participating until they do. Homeschooled students must provide
88 documentation in alignment with [Policy 4158](#), with parents providing evidence of courses taken
89 and grade level standards being met. Administrators at the school level may seek assistance
90 from the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and the Director of Secondary
91 Education Teaching and Learning to determine if grade level standards have been met for a
92 specific quarter.

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95 **Rule 2: Students must refrain from possessing or using alcohol and/or drugs**

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97 *First Offense*

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99 Suspension from two weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, or performances **at the**
100 **same level of play (and any intermediary levels as well).**

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102 *Second Offense*

103 Suspension from six weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, or performances.

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105 *Third Offense*

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107 Suspension from eighteen weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, performances, and
108 practices.

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111 **Additional Drug and Alcohol Guidelines**

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113 Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a participant's career.
114 (There is no "fresh start" each school year.)

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116 Violations must occur and be discovered during a sport/activity season.

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118 Any penalties for violations follow the student to any school to which they transfer.

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120 Any violation beyond the third offense carries the same penalty as the third offense.

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122 The school district discipline screening committee can impose a greater sanction than those
123 described in each of the offenses, if there are extenuating circumstances.

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126 **Rule 3: Tobacco Use/Possession/Sale/Distribution**

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128 *First Offense*

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130 Use, possession, sale or distribution of tobacco or e-cigarette products, in any form is
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133 The consequence for the first violation will be suspension from all extracurricular
134 programs/athletic competitions for one week.

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136 *Second Offense*

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138 The consequence for a second violation will be suspension for two weeks.

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140 *Third Offense*

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142 The consequence for a third violation and beyond will be determined by the school
143 administration. The penalty will be determined based on the seriousness of the offense, any
144 harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the student, and any other relevant factors.

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150 (There is no "fresh start" each school year.)

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157 described in each of the offenses if there are extenuating circumstances.

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160 **Rule 4: Students shall demonstrate satisfactory conduct in and out of school**

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162 Students shall represent the school and team in a positive manner. Students shall display
163 appropriate public conduct, school behavior, and sportsmanship at all times and refrain from
164 breaking team rules, school rules, or the law.

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166 *Administrators can enhance any requirements for participation in extracurricular activities (i.e.
167 attendance requirements).*

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169 *Coaches may also enhance any requirements for participation in extracurricular activities with
170 the approval of the principal (i.e. higher GPA requirements).*

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173 **Limit on Ineligibility**

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175 A student may not be found ineligible under this provision during the period in which school is
176 recessed for the summer or during the initial grade reporting period of a regular school term on
177 the basis of grades received in the final grade report period of the preceding regular school
178 term.

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181 **Reinstatement to Extracurricular Activities**

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183 At the end of any grade report period in which a student attains a course grade average for that
184 period of 2.0 or more in each course taken, any suspension from participation in extracurricular
185 activities and/or suspension from out-of-school practice **that resulted from academic ineligibility**
186 ~~for extracurricular activities~~ shall be removed.

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189 **Student Code of Conduct**

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191 Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign a Student Code of Conduct as part of
192 [Register My Athlete](#) before beginning any athletic season or activity. This Code of Conduct
193 clarifies expectations and gives clear guidelines for student participation. [Coaches will review](#)
194 [the Code of Conduct with their athletes and parents in the parent meeting prior to the start of the](#)
195 [season.](#)

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198 **Prohibited Conduct**

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200 The following prohibited conduct may render a student **suspended from or** ineligible for and/or
201 unable to continue participation in student government and/or extracurricular activities, if
202 occurring while the student is in the classroom, on school property, or during school-sponsored
203 activities, regardless of location or circumstances:

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205 1. Use of foul, abusive, profane, **racist, or discriminatory** language while engaged in
206 school-related activities;

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208 2. Illicit use, possession, or distribution of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, a
209 tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, or an alcoholic beverage; or

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211 3. Hazing, **harassing**, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or not,
212 including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or
213 inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced
214 ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person
215 or public order under state law. **(Please see Policy 3025: Prohibition of Bullying,**
216 **Harassment, Hazing, and Retaliation.)**

217 **Ineligibility Suspension from Extracurricular Activities**

218 A student whose recorded report period grade average in any course is lower than
219 a 2.0 at the end of a grade report period shall be suspended from
220 participation in any extracurricular activity event during succeeding grade report periods
221 until the end of a grade report period during which the student achieves a course grade
222 average for that grade report period of at least in each course. This
223 suspension shall become effective seven days after the last day of the grade report
224 period during which the grade lower than was earned.

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227 **Students with Disabilities**

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229 Suspension of a student with a disability ~~whose disability~~ that significantly interferes with the
230 student's **their** ability to meet regular academic standards shall be based on the student's failure
231 to meet the requirements of the student's Individual Education Program, as determined by the
232 IEP Team. ~~Special Education Committee.~~

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235 **Out-of-School Practice**

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237 A student who has been suspended from extracurricular activity events shall also be suspended
238 from out-of-school practice in extracurricular activities until suspension from participation has
239 been lifted. A student who is suspended from school is also suspended from any and all
240 extracurricular activities until the suspension period has ended and the student has been
241 reinstated by the school administration.

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244 **Practice and Performance**

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246 Schools shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Utah High School Activities
247 Association in scheduling and conducting practices and performances of competitive play,
248 **including prescribed moratoriums.**

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251 **Classes**

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253 Schools shall not schedule full-year physical education or athletic fitness and movement classes
254 for specific school teams. In schools where in-season fitness and movement classes are
255 scheduled, the classes shall not be used to violate the starting and stopping dates for practice
256 and competitive play as prescribed by the UHSAA. High school competitive extracurricular
257 programs shall be supplementary to the high school curriculum.

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259 Athletic classes conducted for specific school teams shall not be scheduled throughout the
260 regular school day. First and last period athletic assignments may not preclude a coach from
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Off-Season Clinics

~~Required or voluntary participation in~~ Summer or other off-season clinics, workshops, and leagues may not be used as criteria for team membership or for the opportunity to try out for team membership. School personnel, activity leaders, coaches, advisory and other personnel shall not require students to attend out-of-school camps, clinics or workshops for which the personnel, activity leaders, coaches, or advisory personnel receive remuneration from a source other than the school or district in which they are employed.

A summer workshop or clinic conducted by a school for any sport or activity shall be scheduled and held consistent with UHSAA bylaws and policies.

Supervision

Coaches and other designated school leaders shall diligently supervise students at all times while on school-sponsored activities, including during the activity itself, in locker rooms, seating areas, eating establishments, lodging facilities and during travel. Coaches and designated school leaders are responsible for a student as long as the student remains on school grounds following a school-sponsored activity unless the student has been turned over to the personal custody and supervision of the student’s parent. Coaches and school leaders accompanying school players and teams shall at no time leave them unsupervised.

Coaches, assistants, and advisers shall not permit hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior (whether consensual or not), including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order under Utah law. (See Policy 5096: Reporting Student Misconduct.)

Training

Coaches are expected to follow the Code of Conduct (Policy 5090 Procedure 1). Coaches shall complete required training relating to child sexual abuse prevention as provided for in Policy 5095 and bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing and retaliation as provided for in Policy 3025. Athletic coaches shall also complete required training relating to concussions as provided for in Policy 3422. In addition, athletic coaches shall maintain high-quality hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid certification through an approved provider. (Approved providers are the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the American Safety and Health Institute, the National Safety Provider, or another provider approved by the State Superintendent.)

Example

307 ~~A coach or other designated school leader shall not participate in the use of alcoholic~~
308 ~~beverages, tobacco products, electronic cigarette products, controlled substances, or~~
309 ~~promiscuous sexual relationships while on school-sponsored activities.~~

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312 **Legal References**

- 313 [Utah Code § 53G-8-209 \(2025\)](#)
314 [Utah High Schools Activities Association Handbook 2024-25, Bylaws Art. 2](#)
315 [Utah Admin. Rules R277-605-3 \(July 22, 2022\)](#)
316 [Utah Admin. Rules R277-605-5 \(July 22, 2022\)](#)
317 [Utah High Schools Activities Association Handbook 2024-25, Bylaws Art. 2, Sec. 3](#)
318 [Utah Admin. Rules R277-605-4\(1\), \(2\), \(4\) \(July 22, 2022\)](#)
319 [Utah Admin. Rules R277-605-2\(1\) \(July 22, 2022\)](#)
320 [Utah Admin. Rule R277-605-6 \(July 22, 2022\)](#)
321 [Utah Admin. Rules R277-605-4\(3\) \(July 22, 2022\)](#)
322 [Utah Code § 53G-8-209\(2\) \(2025\)](#)

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