

## **Fremont Union High School District**

### **Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities**

### **Code of Conduct**

Students who participate in the district's Extracurricular and Co-curricular activities are representatives of the school and the District therefore they are expected to model positive behaviors. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned up on meeting the eligibility criteria established by the Board, administration, and individual activity coaches and advisors. Each student participant and his/her parent/guardian are required to read and agree to the district's Code of Conduct before participation in Extracurricular and Co-curricular activities.

The Board's policy and the Code of Conduct cover the following activities:

Athletics, band, instrumental and vocal music performances, drama productions, speech contests, all honorary and elected offices (e.g. Homecoming King/Queen/court, class officer, student government officer or representative), state contests and performances for cheerleading and drill team, mock trial, or any other activity where the student represents the Fremont Union High School District in a defined competition/contest.

#### **Expectations**

Students will:

- Demonstrate cooperative attitudes and participate to personal capacity
- Demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship
- Understand and strive to maintain academic excellence and participation eligibility

#### **Eligibility for Participation**

To be eligible for participation, students must meet district academic and attendance requirements as well as student conduct expectations.

#### **Academic**

Students must adhere to district academic eligibility policies as outlined in BP/AR 6145 (see below) Failure to meet academic standards results in ineligibility until the re-establishing of academic eligibility the Monday following the distribution of grades to students.

#### **Attendance**

In order to participate in co-curricular activities, the student must be in attendance at school, meeting the requirements of minimum day, as defined by Education Code, on the day of the activity unless the absence is excused.

#### **Student Conduct**

To maintain eligibility for participation in Fremont Union High School District extracurricular activities, student must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to members of the community.

**Loss of eligibility, due to poor student conduct, takes place when one or more of the following conditions occur:**

- Engaged in any school suspendable offenses (violations Education Code 48900 et. al and Board Policy 5144.1)
- Involvement in cheating, gambling, accepting gratuities
- Engagement in disrespectful conduct including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or slanderous nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals, the activity or the school community
- Demonstration of poor sportsmanship and/or retaliation against teammates, coach, staff, parents, members of other teams (including coaches)
- Use of any illegal substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- Engagement in any school suspendable offense or criminal behavior.

### **Ineligibility**

Any student who fails to meet Student Conduct expectations during the period of the school year in which she/he participates in a school-sponsored activity is subject to a loss of eligibility. The loss of eligibility means:

- One-week suspension from competition/participation in all school sponsored activities from the date of suspension.
- Mandatory referral to counseling – Student Advocates or outside agencies/professionals
- Required administrative/coach-advisor/parent/student conference
- Law enforcement contact if appropriate
- Additional sanctions will be imposed for subsequent violations of district disciplinary rules including possible removal from the sport/activity for the remainder of the year.
- An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but will not “suit up” or perform/participate.
- Any student holding a leadership position (e.g. ASB, Class Officer, Spirit member, etc.) that loses eligibility due to poor student conduct will be removed from their leadership position for the remainder of the academic year.

### **Coach/Advisor/Administration Sanctions**

The Administration, coach and/or advisor have the right and the power to impose other additional penalties or consequences, separate and apart from the penalties listed above, in response to serious violations of the School District’s policies, team/activity rules and/or community laws. Examples of additional sanctions for ineligibility are not limited to:

- While performing in an activity, the student violates Education 48900 and/or BP5144, the coach/advisor may remove the student from the team; the reasoning supporting the coach/advisor’s decision is: the student’s actions are detrimental to the reputation of the team and/or to the need to maintain a harmonious environment for the other team members.
- While on a team sponsored activity away from school, the student violates team/district rule for the trip, the student may be removed from the team: The coach/advisor views the action as detrimental to the team.

### **Additional Guidelines**

The school’s interest and intent is to expect and support positive student behavior at all times and to discourage or deter illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate behavior. Serious violations of school rules or community laws that occur during the time a student is enrolled in the Fremont Union High School may result in the student’s ineligibility for participation.

**Appeals**

Student or the student’s parent(s) or legal guardian may appeal the decision on eligibility by notifying the Principal in writing of the desire to appeal. By the conclusion of the third school day after an appeal has been files, the Principal will issue a decision on the appeal of the alleged violation of Code of Conduct. The student will not be allowed to participate in any contest during the appeal process.

**BP/AR 6145(a)**

**Academic Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, students must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period including but not limited to:

1. Be on target for graduation. To be considered on target, a student must be passing courses totaling 25 or more credits each semester.
2. Be enrolled in courses totaling 25 or more credits (may include community college courses) each semester:
  - a. Exception: Seniors who are on target for graduation and are enrolled in, and passing, courses totaling 20 or more credits
3. Maintain a minimum of a “C” (2.0) GPA average at the end of each grading period (progress report grades and/or semester grades)
4. Freshmen enter on probation. Eligibility for freshmen in the fall will be established at the end of the first grading period

**Athletic Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Eligibility for transfer students must meet CCS guidelines.
2. Eligibility will be determined based on grades from the most recent grading period (on the Monday following posting of grades to SASI)

**Probation:**

1. A student may be placed on probation when he/she fails to maintain a “C” (2.0) GPA.
  - a. The student must be passing the equivalent of a minimum of 25 credits each semester.
2. A student may not be placed on probation for consecutive grading periods.

**We have read and understand the Fremont Union High School District’s Code of Conduct for students participating in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.**

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE                      DATE