

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Participation in school-sponsored activities is an excellent way for a student to develop talents, receive individual recognition, and build strong friendships with other students; participation, however, is a privilege, not a right.

Eligibility for initial and continuing participation in many of these activities is governed by state law and the rules of the University Interscholastic League (UIL)—a statewide association overseeing interdistrict competition. If a student is involved in an academic, athletic, or music activity governed by UIL, the student and parent are expected to know and follow all rules of the UIL organization. Students involved in UIL athletic activities and their parents can access the UIL Parent Information Manual at [UIL Parent Information Manual](#); a hard copy can be provided by the coach or sponsor of the activity on request. To report a complaint of alleged noncompliance with required safety training or an alleged violation of safety rules required by law and the UIL, please contact the curriculum division of TEA at (512) 463-9581 or [curriculum@tea.texas.gov](mailto:curriculum@tea.texas.gov).

[See [UIL Texas](#) for additional information on all UIL-governed activities.]

Student safety in extracurricular activities is a priority of the district. The equipment used in football is no exception. As a parent, you are entitled to review the district's records regarding the age of each football helmet used by the campus, including when a helmet has been reconditioned.

In addition, the following provisions apply to all extracurricular activities:

- A student is allowed in a school year ten extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition, five absences for post-district competition prior to state, and two absences for state competition. A student shall be permitted up to a total of five additional absences for extracurricular activities if the student has no more than three absences in the courses or subjects to be missed.
- All extracurricular activities and public performances, whether UIL activities or other activities approved by the board, are subject to these restrictions.
- An absence for participation in an activity that has not been approved will receive an unexcused absence.

### **Extracurricular Eligibility**

A student will be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities subject to the following restrictions:

- During the first grading period, a student is eligible if he/she was promoted at the end of the previous year, or has accumulated the required number of credits toward graduation.
- During other grading periods, a student who receives an average below 70 in any course or subject, or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities during the following grading period. The suspension from extracurricular activities goes into effect seven days after the last day of the grading period. A student regains eligibility seven days after the end of any grading period in which a passing grade is earned in all courses or subjects.

A student is allowed up to 10 school-related absences from class during the year in order to participate in school-related or school-sanctioned activities on or off campus. Students who accrue 10 school-related absences will be restricted from further participation in activities where additional time away from class is required. Students absent on the day of the extracurricular activity are not available to participate in or attend extracurricular activities unless the absence is for an appointment with a healthcare professional and the student provides a note from the healthcare professional.

## **Extracurricular Eligibility Exemption**

### *Guidelines & Courses*

Pursuant to UIL rules, a student may be exempt from the no pass/no play eligibility guidelines for designated courses, subject to the following:

- The student must have a minimum grade of 60 in an exempt course to be eligible.
- A student may be exempt for more than one course during a regular grading period.
- A student may use an exemption only one time for each course during the semester
- A student will not be exempted based on a grade earned on an interim grade report.

The following is a list of courses that have been approved to be exempt from the no pass, no play eligibility rule.

### **High School**

- All courses designated as Pre-Advanced Placement or Advanced Placement courses in the [Dripping Springs High School Course Guide](#).
- All courses designated as dual enrollment English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and Spanish courses in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide.
- All courses designated as gifted and talented courses in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide.
- All Language Other Than English courses designated as Level III or higher in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide.
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Pre-Calculus
- Biotechnology

### **Middle School**

- All courses designated as Pre-Advanced Placement courses in the [DSISD Middle School Course Catalog](#).
- All courses designated as gifted and talented courses in the DSISD Middle School Course Catalog.
- High school courses taken in middle school and considered advanced including Algebra I and Spanish I (completed in one year).