

POLICY

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1. **PURPOSE**

Somerset County Public High Schools shall abide by the rules and regulations established by this policy, governing participation in extra-curricular activities.

2. **DESCRIPTION**

- A. Extra-curricular activities shall be defined as those activities which require after-school hours practice and events, such as cheerleading.
- B. High school principals shall identify those activities designated as extra-curricular by September 15, 1986 to the Superintendent of Schools. Henceforth, these designated extra-curricular activities shall remain constant and shall be governed by the eligibility requirements of this policy.
- C. Extra-Curricular activity participation and eligibility
 - (1) All regulations regarding participation and eligibility shall be followed by both member schools without change.
 - (2) A student must be in school all day in order to practice or participate in an extracurricular activity. Exception to this rule may be made by the principal of a member school for extenuating services.
 - (3) Students participating in Cheerleading come under the same physical examination and insurance requirements as athletes listed in policy 500-20.

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- D.** A student who is ineligible at the beginning of the school year shall remain so until the first progress reports are issued, when they may become eligible.
- E.** Extra-curricular Activities Eligibility
- (1) To be eligible for participation in extra curricular activities in Somerset County Public Schools with no restrictions or limitations, a student must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average and receive no E's for the previous marking period. Fall eligibility will be based on the fourth marking period, and end of course grades of the previous year.
 - (2) Students not finishing a school year or not meeting Fall eligibility requirements will not be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities at the start of the next fall semester. Their first opportunity to compete participate will be upon the issuance of progress reports.
 - (3) Students failing a course for the first semester will not be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities for the 3rd marking period. Students failing a course the second semester of one year will not be eligible to participate next year until the first progress reports are issued.
 - (4) Students may re-establish eligibility by successfully completing failed courses during the summer school. Students may also retake the two courses with the lowest grades for the 4th marking period to increase their GPA in order to reach the 2.0 GPA requirement. For the purposes of extra curricular eligibility, the final grade for summer school will be counted toward athletic GPA and for purposes of credit
 - (5) This policy goes into effect at the close of the first marking period of each student's 9th grade year.
- F.** A student may also be subject to denial of school privileges/restriction by the principal of his/her school if he/she is guilty of improper conduct. This may include such offenses as suspension, truancy, disrespect toward school authority, theft, alcohol and/or drug abuse, academic dishonesty, or refusal to cooperate with established school policies, as otherwise provided in Board Policy 600-17.
- G.** The provisions of this policy will not replace or supersede more stringent eligibility requirements placed on extra-curricular activity participation by the school principal and/or faculty sponsor.