

**V. STUDENT CO-CURRICULAR  
DISCIPLINE & ACADEMIC  
ELIGIBILITY PRACTICE**

Extra and co-curricular activities (participation on school teams, clubs, G.O., attendance at school social and athletic functions) are an important part of a student's school year. Nevertheless, the Board of Education and the Stimson administration and faculty regards participation in such activities as a privilege. This privilege shall be dependent upon each student's positive and successful academic and disciplinary standing during the school year. The following guidelines will be enforced regarding the privileges associated with participation in co-curricular activities.

1. Academic Eligibility

Only students in good academic standing may participate in extra and co-curricular activities. In keeping with our policy of encouraging scholastic achievement as the paramount purpose of school, the following eligibility rules apply:

a. Academic Probation - A student whose progress report indicates three or more failing comments (#88 – 93) in any school subject during a marking period, or a student who receives three or more failures at the end of the marking period, will be placed on co-curricular scholastic probation regarding Stimson teams and clubs and all other co-curricular activities.

1. Probation is a warning period. Students may still participate in extra or co-curricular activities. Co-curricular scholastic probation will mean that a student has a five-week period to improve his/her standing regarding the interim period of his/her quarter grades in order to continue his/her participation in co-curricular activities. If the student fails to demonstrate improvement, he/she become ineligible until improvement is shown.

2. Students and parents will be notified by letter when a student is placed on probation.

3. A student clears probation if in the next reporting period he/she does not fail three or more subjects or receives three or more negative progress reports. Periodic reports will be required. The priority of this practice is not to restrict student participation activities, but rather to emphasize the goal that success in the academic areas (the minimum passing grade is 70) is one of the aims of Stimson Middle School.

b. Academic Ineligibility - A student who for two or more consecutive reporting periods fails three or more subjects or receives three or more failing comments on their progress reports is placed on Academic Ineligibility.

1. Students on Academic Ineligibility may not participate in extra or co-curricular activities, attend school dances, or attend athletic contests.

2. Students and parents will be notified by letter when a student is placed on Academic Ineligibility.

3. A student clears Academic Ineligibility if, in the next reporting period, he/she does not fail three or more subjects or receives three or more failing progress reports. Periodic reports will be required. The priority of this practice is not to restrict student participation activities, but rather to emphasize the goal that success in the academic areas (the minimum passing grade is 70) is one of the aims of Stimson Middle School.

## 2. Discipline Eligibility

Students must behave in a reasonable and appropriate manner to ensure a safe environment conducive to learning. Only those students who meet these behavior expectations will be permitted to participate in extra and co-curricular activities.

a. Discipline Probation – Any student who accumulates three disciplinary referrals in a given quarter that are resolved with a consequence greater than two days after school detention, will be informed that he/she has been placed on co-curricular probation..

1. Probation is a warning notice. Students may still participate in extra and co-curricular activities.

2. Students and parents will be notified by letter when a student is placed on probation.

3. Co-curricular disciplinary probation means that if he/she receives additional disciplinary referrals that result in a consequence of greater than two days after school detention, the student would then lose the privilege of attending or participating in co-curricular activities for the next five weeks.

A student clears Discipline Probation if he/she receives no additional discipline referrals That rise to the level of 2 or more days after school detention as a consequence for the remainder of the quarter.

b. Discipline Ineligibility - A student who fails to show a change in behavior after being placed on Discipline Probation will be declared Discipline Ineligible.

1. Students on Discipline Ineligibility may not participate in extra and co-curricular activities, attend school dances, or attend athletic contests.

2. Students and parents will be notified by letter if a student is placed on Discipline Ineligibility.

3. A student can clear Discipline Ineligibility by demonstrating satisfactory disciplinary conduct for a five-week period.

c. If a student is absent from school, he/she is not eligible to participate in any activities that afternoon and/or evening.

d. Severe Clause – In the event that a severe disciplinary situation arises, the principal has the right to suspend a student's co-curricular activity privileges for the remainder of a quarter, the semester, or the school year, depending on circumstances, for the safety and well-being of the Stimson school community. (Approved by Board of Education, June 1990).