

Extracurricular and Co-curricular Participation Policy

Purpose: The American Academy of Innovation recognizes that a variety of school sponsored student activities enrich a student's learning and engagement. Student participation in student extracurricular and co-curricular activities is encouraged to aid in the development of students, with special emphasis on social, emotional, and physical fitness.

Definitions: "Co-curricular activity" means a school sponsored activity, course or experience that includes a required regular school day component and an after-school component, including special programs or activities such as programs for gifted and talented students, summer programs, and science and history fairs.

"Extracurricular activity" means an athletic program or activity sponsored by the school and offered, competitively or otherwise, to a school student outside of the regular school day or programming.

"Activity sponsor" means the entity, organization, employee, or advisor who is organizing, overseeing, coaching, or sponsoring the activity.

Policy: AAI has established minimum eligibility standards for all extracurricular and co-curricular activities sponsored by the school. Students enrolled in at the American Academy of Innovation shall demonstrate minimum eligibility standards in order to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities. These standards include both academic and behavioral performance indicators. AAI has the authority to establish higher eligibility standards for extracurricular and co-curricular activities as necessitated by the scope and impact of the activity. AAI does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability in its programs and activities. Individuals shall not be denied an opportunity to try-out for school sponsored teams or other nonacademic, co-curricular, and extracurricular services and activities based on their federally protected class. Participation in interscholastic athletics, competitive team sports, and other extracurricular/co-curricular activities is not a constitutionally protected civil right. Therefore, students who are suspended or expelled, have been issued Accountability Cards, or have a current behavior contract shall

lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, including practice, during the period of suspension/expulsion, Accountability Cards, or behavior contracts and shall not be allowed to invoke due process procedures to challenge the denial of participation.

Standards:

Academic Eligibility: Students must have complete term grades in the preceding grading period, meaning no more than one incomplete (INC) or no more than two no grades (NG), and meet the standards set forth in the athletic eligibility policy (when applicable) to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by AAI. Student body officers, class officers, etc. must hold complete term grades in all courses during the preceding grading period.

No student shall be eligible to represent his or her school if he or she has earned more than one incomplete in the preceding grading period or more than two no grades in the preceding grading period. No grades will roll over to incompletes at the conclusion of each academic year. Incompletes (INC) will be calculated as failures upon graduation and will, therefore, be factored into the transcript GPA.

Determination of academic eligibility shall be determined when grades are posted. Grades are posted when all grades have been entered electronically and are available to students, parents, and teachers.

Grade changes after the posting date can restore lost eligibility.

Emotional Intelligence Quotient (EQ) Eligibility: Students receiving one or two EQ Standards term average scores of less than 1.0 in the preceding grading period will be subject to review by the activity sponsor. A student may be put on academic contract, behavior contract, or restorative contract and allowed to participate if the activity sponsor feels that there have been mitigating circumstances, or that an honest effort is being made to improve.

Students receiving three or more EQ Standards term average scores of less than 1.0 in a grading period will not be eligible for extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Determination of EQ eligibility shall be determined when term grades are posted. Grades are posted when all grades have been entered electronically and are available to students, parents, and teachers.

EQ score changes after the posting date can restore lost eligibility.

Prohibited Conduct: Students who participate in student government, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities, particularly competitive athletics, and the adult coaches, advisors, and assistants who direct those activities, become role models for others in the school and community and often play major roles in establishing standards of acceptable behavior in the school and community.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that those involved in extracurricular activities, whether as students or staff, comply with all applicable laws and rules of behavior and conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their positions and responsibilities.

The following types of conduct are prohibited, while in the classroom, on school property, during school sponsored activities, or regardless of the location or circumstance, affecting a person or property described in UCA §53G-8-204: a), frequent or flagrant willful disobedience, defiance of proper authority, or disruptive behavior, including the use of foul, profane, vulgar, or abusive language; (b), willful destruction or defacing of school property; (c), behavior or threatened behavior which poses an immediate and significant threat to the welfare, safety, or morals of other students or school personnel or to the operation of the school; (d), possession, control, or use of an alcoholic beverage as defined in Section 32B-1-102; (e), behavior proscribed under Subsection (2) which threatens harm or does harm to the school or school property, to a person associated with the school, or property associated with that person, regardless of where it occurs; or (f), possession or use of pornographic material on school property; or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order under Utah law.

School personnel, students, and parents who reasonably believe that a violation of this section may have occurred shall report such incident immediately to school administrators so that prompt and appropriate action can be taken. School personnel who fail to report a violation may face disciplinary action.

Students who participate in prohibited conduct shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action, shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities for the remainder of the term or semester as determined through administrative decision and restorative requirements, and, therefore, shall not be eligible for activities for the remainder of the current term or semester.