

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Definition

Cocurricular activities include all school-based or school-sponsored activities not part of the regular curriculum. Middle School and High School athletics are included in this definition, but they have their own set of eligibility rules published as the *Medomak Valley High School Athletic Handbook* and the two Middle School Handbooks.

Purpose

The purpose of cocurricular activities is to enrich and extend the regular curriculum. For example, students learn to work collaboratively with others, to set high standards, and to strive for superior performance while playing team sports or participating in drama and music activities.

Limitations

1. MSAD #40 students in good standing and home-schooled and private-schooled students who are residents of the five MSAD #40 towns are eligible to participate in cocurricular activities with the exception that private-schooled students may not participate in Interscholastic competition.
2. The regular curriculum is first priority. Students will not be routinely dismissed from classes to participate in cocurricular activities.
3. Suspension for disciplinary reasons will bar participation in cocurricular activities for the time suspended.
4. Certain other violations such as Chemical Health Policy may also deny student cocurricular activity for the time specified in those policies.
5. With the exception of Interscholastic Athletics, whose passing-grade policies are determined by the Maine State Principals' Association, passing grades are not automatically a requirement for participation in cocurricular activities. Each school's administration and teachers may, however, limit participation by students deemed at too great a risk of academic failure because of time spent on cocurricular activities.

Learning Results

As much as possible, cocurricular activities will be aligned with Learning Results. In some cases, successful participation in an activity may satisfy and be certified as meeting a particular Learning Result.