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2 Responsible Office: Deputy Superintendent of Schools

3 **Chief Operating Officer** ~~Instruction and Program~~
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7 Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

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10 A. PURPOSE

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12 **To articulate the Board of Education's commitment to providing**
13 **an array of extracurricular opportunities for students.**
14 **Having a variety of extracurricular options including, but not**
15 **limited to, cultural arts, athletics, and other team**
16 **activities is an essential part of a complete educational**
17 **experience. The Board supports having both extracurricular**
18 **activities requiring academic eligibility and extracurricular**
19 **activities predicated upon open enrollment.**

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21 B. ISSUE

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23 ~~To establish student a~~**Academic eligibility standards for**
24 **middle and high school participation in some extracurricular**
25 **activities listed as nonathletic and athletic stipends in the**
26 **Negotiated Agreement Between Montgomery County Education**
27 **Association and the Montgomery County Board of Education must**
28 **be established and communicated.** Extracurricular activities
29 are a valuable part of the entire education of each student.

30 However, participation in extracurricular activities should be
31 maintained and supported by academic standards. **It is the**
32 **obligation of the school system to provide students with**
33 **supports for maintaining academic performance and academic**
34 **eligibility.**

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36 C. POSITION

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38 Decisions regarding a student's academic eligibility for
39 participation in extracurricular activities will be made as
40 follows. Students in middle and high schools must maintain a
41 2.0 average with no more than one **failing grade "E"** ~~(failure)~~
42 in the previous marking period to be eligible to participate
43 in any activity listed as nonathletic and athletic stipends in
44 the Negotiated Agreement Between Montgomery County Education
45 Association and the Board of Education of Montgomery County
46 Public Schools. This does not apply to students in the fall
47 entering middle or high school for the first time or to
48 students engaged in activities that are extensions of a graded
49 course.

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51 Students in middle school who are not academically eligible
52 may petition to be reinstated in an activity if they have
53 shown evidence of progress toward meeting eligibility
54 standards. Middle school principals will make final decisions
55 regarding these petitions.

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57 D. DESIRED OUTCOMES

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59 Each student should maintain high academic standards while

60 also pursuing extracurricular activities that contribute to a
61 well-rounded education.

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63 E. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

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65 1. All secondary schools should provide and communicate
66 opportunities for all students to participate in
67 extracurricular activities by ensuring that there are a
68 range of possibilities, including extracurricular
69 activities with open enrollment that do not require
70 academic eligibility.

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72 2~~1~~. Schools should ~~to~~ help students retain or regain
73 eligibility for all extracurricular activities **requiring**
74 **academic eligibility, by** ~~schools will provide~~ and
75 **referring** students to such support activities as
76 contracts, tutoring programs, mentoring and monitoring
77 programs, academic support classes and counseling, study
78 halls during or after school, outreach programs and/or
79 other programs.

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81 3. Schools should share best practices that increase student
82 academic eligibility for extracurricular activities.

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84 4. Schools should develop mechanisms to evaluate the
85 effectiveness of support programs.

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87 5~~2~~. The superintendent will publish regulations to implement
88 this policy as needed.

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90 F. REVIEW AND REPORTING

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92 1. The superintendent will report annually to the Board on
93 the effects of this policy on student participation in
94 extracurricular activities.

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96 2. This policy will be reviewed ~~on an on-going basis~~ in
97 accordance with the Board of Education review process.

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