

Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences
Requirements for Extracurricular Activity Participation (Athletics, Productions,
Performances)

STATUS: CURRENT

The VAAS ESBM Committee has reached consensus on the following protocol for participation in all extracurricular activities (athletics, performances, productions, etc.) and ticketed events for students (Winter Formal, Senior Breakfast, Prom, etc.):

To participate in extracurricular activities and events at VAAS, students must:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (as determined by the 10 and 20 week report cards)
- Record strong attendance (with no more than 15 full or partial day absences total) throughout the year.
- Remain in good standing behaviorally by following all school and district rules, guidelines, and expectations.
- Be in class for at least 4 hours on the day of the event (NOTE: On minimum days, students must be in class all day, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The VAAS ESBM Committee believes that setting higher than district-standard expectations for our students will lead to greater academic and personal success and will strengthen our efforts to ensure that all students graduate college and career ready within four years.

NOTE: Through subsequent conversations during ESBM Council meetings with parents, students, and district administrators, the ESBM Committee has reconfirmed the following elements of the protocol:

- Eligibility for all students is determined by:
 1. A student's 10-week and 20-week grades (depending on the date of the event)
 2. A student remaining in good-standing (a student must have completed all assigned do-overs and met any other requirements assigned by the administration to return to good standing)
 3. Have no more than 15 full/partial day absences (The official attendance list is maintained by the assistant principal.
- **15-week grades do not change a student's eligibility.**
- Teachers should not agree to change a student's grade for the sake of eligibility. The only legitimate reason to change a student's grade is if a teacher has miscalculated the grade or made some other error in assigning the student grade. Official grade changes must be submitted through the main office and must be approved by the principal.
- In order to attend Prom (a minimum day), students must be in school the entire day – from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students who arrive late or leave early will not be allowed to attend, and their tickets will not be refunded.
- Decisions regarding athletic teams are made by the ESBM Council.

- To participate in graduation, seniors must meet all state/district A-G requirements, be in good standing, and have fewer than 15 full/partial day absences (as indicated on the list maintained by the assistant principal). Final GPA is not considered when determining whether a student can participate in graduation.