

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program.

The purpose of extracurricular activities shall be:

- A. To develop useful new capabilities in pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid pupils in the social skills;
- E. To enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" shall be those activities that are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and shall ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations, and intramural and interscholastic sports.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district;
- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;
- D. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff;

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- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

The guidance goal for each pupil shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents/guardians and the pupil. Guidance is necessary to encourage nonparticipants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance.

Only persons in the employ of a Board of Education shall be permitted to organize district pupils during school time or during any recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

No activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent. Fund-raising activities of extracurricular groups must be approved by the Superintendent.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of extra-curricular activities for students as required.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, age, religion, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, nationality, familial status, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, marital status, place of residence within the district, social or economic status, immigration status, housing status, or non-applicable disability. The district shall ensure equity in educational programs including extracurricular activities and provide opportunities for students to interact positively with others on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Parent/Guardian and Pupil Pre-requisites for Extracurricular Activity Participation

- A. Pupils and their parent/guardian must execute a Parent/Guardian-Pupil Conduct and Consent Agreement to be signed by both parties. A separate contract must be executed for every activity in which a pupil participates.
- B. Pupils must complete a computer module regarding the definition, danger, and inappropriateness of hazing,
- C. All parents/guardians must attend a mandatory meeting held by the coach or advisor of each competitive activity, which shall also include cheerleading, to discuss harassment, intimidation, bullying and hazing specifically, as well as other pertinent items.

Advisor Pre-requisites for Extracurricular Activities

- A. Advisors shall complete a computer module on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying, on the general compliance network upon initial employment and twice in every five year period thereafter, in accordance with state statute. Advisors shall complete a computer module and Coaching and Hazing on the general compliance network upon initial employment as a coach or advisor and annually thereafter.

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- B. All advisors/coaches of a competitive activity, which shall also include cheerleading, shall coordinate a team/activity Parent/Guardian and/or Pupil meeting, which at a minimum must review participation/eligibility requirements for pupils and their parents and provide training on Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Hazing.
- C. Advisors shall sign an acknowledgement indicating receipt of a copy of this policy and Board Policy 4119.24 which defines appropriate staff/pupil relations, including, but not limited to, pupil supervisory requirements.

Good Disciplinary Standing

Good disciplinary standing shall mean that a pupil is not eligible to participate while serving a detention or suspension. .

- A. When a pupil already participating in an extracurricular activity is reported for an infraction of the rules for pupil conduct, the principal shall appoint a staff committee to consider whether the pupil shall be removed from any or all extracurricular activities.
- B. If a pupil was in bad disciplinary standing the previous term, the principal shall refer the matter to a staff committee to determine whether the pupil shall be permitted to participate during the current term. The committee will render a written decision within 7 school days.

Good Academic Standing

The Board further directs that no student may participate in extra-curricular activities who has not:

- A. Attended school regularly and was in attendance on the day of the event or the day preceding the activity if the activity was on a Saturday or holiday, unless said day, was a religious holiday for the absentee, and adhered to the school's attendance policy;
- B. Demonstrated good citizenship and responsibility;
- C. Returned all school equipment and supplies; and
- D. Incoming freshmen are automatically eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. For each subsequent semester, a pupil must successfully earn 15 credits per each semester of enrollment to continue to be eligible to participate in these activities. Participation in athletic activities is governed by Policy 6145.1/6145.2. Eligibility at the beginning of a semester for an activity maintains eligibility for that activity.

Continuing good academic standing requires maintenance of passing grades in all subjects during the current year, and in grade 12 taking enough course credits to complete the high school graduation requirement (130 credits) by the end of the academic year.

Attendance

The district's attendance policy shall also apply.

Implementation

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The Superintendent shall direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extra-curricular programs and their operation comply with district equity requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the Superintendent's discretion.

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	1322	Contests for pupils
	2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
	3453	School activity funds
	5113	Absences and excuses
	5126	Awards for achievement
	5131	Conduct/discipline
	5136	Fund-raising activities
	5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
	6010	Goals and objectives
	6142	Subject fields
	6142.5	Travel and exchange programs
	6142.12	Career education
	6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition

Key Words

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Rationale: Added additional protected classes and codified the Board's belief in ensuring educational equity. Added a provision that the district's attendance policy shall also apply to Extracurricular activities.