

# OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

9060

*Relates to: 9060F*

A basic responsibility of those who enjoy the rights of citizenship is a respect for the laws of the community. Since the school is a community, its rules and regulations are the existing law and must be respected. Students must be responsible for the manner in which they exercise their rights and privileges and the consequences of their actions. Respect for the rights of others must be a concern.

It is the policy of the Board to encourage and support maximum learning opportunity. It is recognized that a learning atmosphere exists not only in formal academic training, but also in extracurricular activities of students as well. The Board believes that the school staff should encourage all students to participate in an extra-curricular activity or activities. The following guidelines apply to student activities in the Oldham County Schools.

### General Guidelines for Student Activities

1. No student or student organization shall engage in any school sponsored activity which:
  - a. violates any school, school board, city, county, state or national statutes, regulations or policies and/or incites students so as to create a clear and present danger of the imminent commission of same.
  - b. is libelous or slanderous.
  - c. expresses or advocates racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice so as to create a clear and present danger of imminent commission of unlawful acts on the school premises or of the violation of lawful school regulations or of substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
2. Local school sponsored organizations which are affiliates of national and state organizations shall be granted the authority to abide by the state and national rules and regulations insofar as they do not conflict with the policy of the Board.
3. Rules and guidelines that are set forth by local school organizations shall be consistent with school board policy.
4. Attendance at practices and competition during school vacation may be a requirement for team membership.

### Eligibility

1. To be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities, all students must be enrolled in an Oldham County Board of Education school (K-12). The school council may establish additional rules. All students participating at a particular school must have minimum grades as established by school policy and as stated in that school's handbook.
2. A club and/or class officer must have a cumulative average as determined by school or school-based decision-making (SBDM) policy.
3. Appeals process for a student expelled from membership in a school sponsored student activity: The SBDM policy on participation in student activities should contain an appeal process for a student expelled from membership, which should contain, at a minimum, an opportunity for the student to present evidence favorable to him/her and to respond to the charges. If a coach or other administrator imposes a suspension or expulsion, the student may appeal to the principal. Appeals to central office staff, including the superintendent, shall be made pursuant to Board Policy 9068.