

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: <p style="text-align: center;">Extracurricular Activities</p>	Descriptor Code: <p style="text-align: center;">4.300</p>	Issued Date: <p style="text-align: center;">07/08/13</p>
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The following guidelines shall be followed in administering the student activities program:

1. The Board shall initially approve each specific extracurricular activity so that proper support and supervision may be assured.
2. The principal, after obtaining the recommendation of the faculty and the director of schools, shall determine which clubs and organizations will be permitted.
3. Each student activity must be under the guidance and direction of a certified staff member.
4. All student activities must have the approval of the principal.
5. Student activities occurring before or after regularly scheduled school hours must be under the supervision of the principal or his/her designee.
6. Secret organizations shall not be operated in any school.
7. A student shall not be required to attend a school-sponsored student activity that is scheduled at a time which conflicts with his religious practices.
8. School-sponsored student activities during vacation periods shall have prior approval by the building principal.
9. Student groups shall not participate in state or national activities which are not listed as approved activities by regional accrediting associations or state and national principals' associations without the approval of the director of schools.
10. A student on out-of-school suspension shall not be permitted to participate in school-sponsored activities.
11. Activities which restrict participation because of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities, or national origin are forbidden.¹
12. Activities sponsored by outside groups or agents will be approved only if they are co-sponsored by the school. Sponsor must be Board approved unless s/he is a certified staff member.
13. Notice of all extracurricular activities, including clubs and organizations, available to students shall be placed prominently in the student handbook with a description of each, its mission, and any financial requirements. Along with this notice shall be a notification that parents may choose to opt their child

out of participation in a particular club, organization or activity by providing written notice to the principal of the school or his or her designee, which is signed and dated by the parent.²

Legal Reference:

1. 20 U.S.C. § 1703
2. TCA 49-6-1031(a)

Cross References:

Interscholastic Athletics 4.301
Field Trips and Excursions 4.302
Student Clubs and Organizations 6.702