

INSTRUCTION

Extracurricular Activities

A. Generally

Student activities are extracurricular and supplement the regular school curriculum. Student activities are voluntary and do not carry credit toward graduation. They take the form of special interest groups, honor societies, athletic ~~team~~teams, and other extensions of classroom work. All extracurricular activities are designed to promote character, building qualities of participation and leadership ability. Extracurricular activities and the eligibility requirements shall be approved by the ~~S~~superintendent or designee and school board as required by Virginia Board of Education ~~state~~-accreditation standards. All student organizations and activities shall be under the direct supervision of the school principal or a designee and shall supplement the regular program of t-he school. They should be evaluated periodically to ensure that interruption of the instructional programs ~~are~~is avoided. Students should not be permitted to engage in such organizations and activities to the detriment of their classroom work.

B. Categories

Extracurricular activities are divided into four general categories:

1. Interscholastic and intramural athletics.
2. Activities stemming directly from classroom studies. Examples are student government, musical productions, dramatics, debate, the school newspaper and literary publications.
3. Activities designed to promote interest in academic achievement and/or specific subject areas. Examples are the National Honor Society and subject matter organizations.
4. Activities which promote general educational goals and are school-oriented. Examples are service and special interest clubs.

C. Access to Extracurricular Activities

Access to and participation in extracurricular activities shall be open to all students as provided in state and federal regulations and ~~S~~school ~~B~~board policy Access to Programs.

D. Supervision

The ~~S~~chool Administration shall appoint qualified members of the faculty, or in the absence of qualified faculty members, may appoint qualified community members as sponsors for each activity. The sponsor shall be responsible for the guidance and general supervision of the activity and shall ensure that all actions conform to applicable law, school policies and regulations.

E. Financial Support

1. Partial School Division financial support. The school sponsored extracurricular activities named in Section ~~BA~~-1 and ~~BA~~-2 may receive partial financial support. Transportation may be provided, or the cost of transportation may be paid from appropriated funds.

An estimate of funds required for each activity shall be submitted for approval. This estimate shall be submitted by the sponsor of the activity for inclusion in the individual school budget.

2. Financially self-supporting activities. The school sponsored extracurricular activities covered in Sections ~~BA~~-3 and ~~BA~~-4 should be financially self-supporting. School transportation for these activities, however, may be requested. If it cannot be provided, then vehicular transportation may be by commercial means, or by private car under regulations established for such use.

F. Permission by School Principal

The actions and activities of each organization must be approved by the school principal.

G. Parental Permission

In each instance when an organization schedules an activity away from school, the parents/legal guardians of minor students will be notified, and written permission obtained when appropriate.

H. Evaluation and Approval

The ~~division s~~Superintendent and/or a designee shall periodically evaluate the school sponsored extracurricular activities program to ensure compliance with state accreditation standards and federal regulations.

I. Fraternities and/or Sororities

Fraternities, sororities or any clandestine organization shall not be permitted in the ~~S~~chool ~~D~~ivision. Principals shall inform students that activities associated with such organizations shall be prohibited at school.

J. Restrictions

Each principal is authorized to work out a point system regulating and limiting participation of individual students in activities and organizations.

Legal Reference

Virginia ~~Department Board~~ of Education Regulations, 8VAC20-131, et seq., as amended.
Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting~~ation~~ of Public Schools in Virginia. ~~(January 1993)~~

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended.

~~U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare/Office for Civil Rights, Final Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972 Prohibiting Sex Discrimination in Education (effective date: July 21, 1975). § 86-41. Athletics. (Effective dates: elementary schools, July 21, 1976; secondary schools, July 21, 1978.)~~

~~U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare/Office of Education, Final Regulation Implementing Amendments to Part B of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. See also Federal Register, Vol. 42, No. 163, August 23, 1977. (Effective date: October 1, 1977.) 121a. 306. Nonacademic services.~~

U.S. Department of Education Regulations, Discrimination on Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Prohibited, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, as amended.

U.S. Department of Education Regulations, Discrimination on Basis of Handicap in Education Programs or Activities Prohibited, 34 C.F.R. Part 100, as amended.

U.S. Department of Education Regulations, Discrimination on Basis of Age in Education Programs or Activities Prohibited, 34 C.F.R. Part 110, as amended.

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