

Student Activities

Section A - Introduction

The Board of Education believes that the schools should offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities provide meaningful learning experiences and, thus, are an integral part of the total process of education. The values students gain through participation in clubs, organizations and activities supplement, complement, and promote the academic life of the school. Students have the opportunity to develop new friendships, to lead and to follow, to develop leisure-time activities, to extend classroom interests, and to grow socially and emotionally. Students acquire a sense of belonging and gain leadership skills with their peers under the guidance of adult sponsors. Participation in activities is encouraged, yet shall be voluntary.

Section B - Approval

The Board of Education or its designated representatives shall approve extracurricular activities and the purposes of each.

Approval of new extracurricular activities will be based upon the fulfillment of the following criteria:

1. Interest in activity has been shown by a sufficient number of students.
2. The function of the activity can best be performed by the Glenbrook High Schools rather than some other agency, public or private.
3. The availability of a head sponsor/coach who is a Glenbrook staff member and interested in the activity's primary function.
4. Overnight excursions are not imperative to the success of the activity.
5. Availability and approval of funding.

All student organizations, clubs, associations, and activities shall be subject to the administrative procedures set forth by the principal or designated representatives in each school.

Section C - Membership

No student will be denied the protected right to membership in any school-chartered student organization based upon a student's sex, color, race, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual or gender orientation, other legally protected group status, viewpoint or opinion. Critical examination and the balanced presentation of differing views on controversial issues are encouraged.

Section D - Religious or political themes

Student organizations, clubs, associations, and activities based on the religious or political themes shall operate under the following guidelines:

1. Such student organizations, clubs, associations, and activities shall have full use of school communication and recognition, full use of school activity accounts, and full use of school facilities
2. Supervisors of such student organizations, clubs, associations, and activities must be employees of the district, shall only provide supervision without participation in advocacy or promotional activities, and shall not be paid for their role of supervision.

Section E - Eligibility

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that all students who participate in school sponsored competition groups and/or performance-based activities shall be in compliance with the current IHSA Eligibility By-Laws. A student who fails to meet these minimum standards shall be suspended from further participation in every activity until eligibility is re-established in accordance with the IHSA Eligibility By-Laws.

Section F - Communication

The administration is directed to establish, implement and enforce procedures governing the administration of this policy and shall distribute copies of this policy and its related rules and procedures to all parents, students and staff members on an annual basis. The administration shall maintain records on the number and length of suspensions imposed under this policy.

Sources:

- Regulations Concerning the Operation of Activity Funds, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as prescribed by the School Code Of Illinois: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19 (3).
- Student's Rights and Responsibilities, Glenbrook High Schools.
- The School Code of Illinois (105 ILCS 5/10-20.30)
- IHSA Athletic Eligibility By-Laws.

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