

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

POLICY:

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors recognizes that the goals and objectives of the District can best be achieved by providing a broad offering of purposeful learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside of the approved curriculum of the district. Such activities shall ordinarily be conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and shall be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. The co-curricular program encompasses approved curriculum-related activities.

The Board shall approve all co-curricular program activities included within the ASB program. The principal is authorized to approve curriculum-related activities that are not part of the ASB program and shall make school facilities available for them and designate staff members to support and supervise them.

The criteria to be used by the principal for approving curriculum-related activities are:

- A. the purposes and/or objectives shall be part of a specific program or course offering;
- B. the participating students shall be currently enrolled in a related course or program or possess the entry level knowledge and/or skills to successfully participate in the activity;
- C. the group shall be supervised by a qualified staff member;
- D. the cost of the activity must not be prohibitive to the student or the District;
- E. the activity must comply with Title IX requirements;
- F. all activity must take place on school premises unless approved in advance by the school principal; and
- G. the activity must not be secretive in nature.

Curriculum related activities, whether approved by the Board as part of the ASB or by the principal, must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A. the subject matter of the activity is actually taught or will soon be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter of the activity is related to the body of student course offerings as a whole;
- C. participation in the activity is required for a particular course; or
- D. participation in the activity results in academic credit.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop appropriate procedures for proper planning, funding, approval, and implementation of all activities offered within the above guidelines.

The principal shall be responsible for administering the co-curricular program in the school. An opportunity will be made available in each school for students, including those with disabilities, to participate in some aspect of the program. A survey shall be conducted at least once every three (3) years to assure that the recreational and athletic activities program accurately responds to the needs and desires of both boys and girls.

The District shall evaluate its intramural and interscholastic program at least once each year to ensure that equal opportunities are available to members of both sexes with respect to participation in interscholastic and/or intramural programs.

Cross References:

(cf. 6260 Interscholastic Athletics)

Legal References:

20 U.S.C.4074 Equal Access Act

RCW 28A.600.200 Interscholastic athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students, regulation of--Delegation, conditions

RCW 28A.640.020 Regulations, guidelines to eliminate discrimination--Scope

WAC 392-138-010 Definitions

WAC 392-138-030 (2a) Powers--Authority and policy of board of directors

WAC 392-190-030 General--Recreational and athletic activities--Equal opportunity factors considered

WAC 392-190-040 Recreational and athletic activities--student interest--Required survey instrument

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PROCEDURES:

The co-curricular program as defined consists of:

- A. activities that are curriculum-related and have been approved as part of the Associated Student Body Program; and
- B. curriculum-related activities that are not part of the Associated Student Body Program and which satisfy the conditions and criteria established in Policy No. 6250.

Activities which operate as an approved Associated Student Body Program must have met all conditions as specified in the ASB Constitution, and must be curriculum related. The school principal shall be responsible for assigning a staff member(s) to supervise all such approved programs.

When an activity does not satisfy the ASB program conditions or ASB status would not be necessary or beneficial, interested students and a proposed staff member-sponsor may seek approval and recognition as a curriculum-related activity from the school principal. Each approved group shall operate under the guidelines set forth by the principal, including, but not limited to, objectives, membership, supervision, proposed activities, and funding.

In order to be curriculum-related an activity must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A. the subject matter of the activity is actually taught or will soon be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter of the activity is related to the body of student coursework as a whole;
- C. participation in the activity is required for a particular course; or
- D. participation in the activity results in academic credit.

Recognized curriculum-related groups shall have use of school facilities and equipment under terms set forth by the school principal. Groups that are not recognized as a part of the co-curricular program may apply for use of school facilities under conditions set forth in Policy No. 1410: Use of School Facilities.

When organizations involving boys and/or girls of student age wish to announce and/or promote a forthcoming activity through the school (bulletin board, etc.), the organization shall describe its plans to the principal prior to any announcement. Ticket sales and other promotional activities may be permitted at the school, subject to the approval and conditions set forth by the principal (see Policy No. 1320: Distribution of Literature and Other Materials). This cooperation shall in no way require the classroom teacher to supervise or assist with the activity, carry no direct or implied endorsement, shall not disrupt classroom instruction, and shall involve the principal only to the extent that he/she approves, denies, or modifies any proposed promotional activity. Such advertising promotion and ticket sales for independent activities shall carry a statement indicating the sponsor of the activity. Should the nonschool group wish to hold these activities on campus, appropriate rental arrangements may be made through Policy No. 1410: Community Use of School Buildings.