

## **Instruction**

### **Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities**

The Board recognizes that student activities sponsored by the District may contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship and general growth of all students.

Student activities shall be considered an essential component of the District's instructional program. However, such activities shall not take precedence over the instructional program.

Student activities shall be defined as planned, organized and supervised activities conducted under the auspices of the District which primarily involve students in other than classroom situations. The District may schedule two categories of extracurricular activities: those which meet during a period listed on the school's daily schedule; those which meet at a time outside the regular school hours.

The purpose of the student activities program is to:

1. Encourage participation;
2. Provide an outlet for student interest and abilities;
3. Contribute to the mental, physical and moral growth of the student;
4. Provide group activities; and
5. Foster leisure-time activities.

The Building Principal shall be responsible for the student activities program in his/her school, operating it in accordance with Board policies, administrative procedures and Superintendent directives.

Student participation in administration approved student activities shall be contingent upon the following requirements:

1. Membership is limited to students currently residing in the District.
2. Membership shall not be limited because of the student's race, religion, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
3. When appropriate, membership and participation shall be subject to the specific by-laws of an organization. In the case of competitive events, selection of team members or participants shall be left to the discretion of the sponsors or coaches as long as the selection criteria conforms to the District's student academic and conduct standards and such other rules and regulations that may apply.
4. The student shall maintain the standards set forth in the Student Handbook.
5. Student participation in activities is also subject to other standards for participation as may be determined by the Board.

Any student who cannot maintain the standards for participation listed in the Student Handbook shall be considered ineligible to participate in student activities. The Building Principal shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a list of ineligible students and shall see that the standards for participation are enforced.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30, and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants In Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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