

Student Activities

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees (“Board of Trustees”) recognizes the importance of participation in student activities as an integral component of a student’s complete educational development in the Lyon County School District (“District”). Student participation in such activities encourages positive academic, social, and emotional growth as well as physical fitness, wellness, and achievement. An effective activities program is the product of cooperation between students, their families, District staff, volunteers, and site/District administration.

Guiding Principles

- A. The District offers a wide range of Curricular-Related Student Groups/Clubs/Organization, Noncurricular-Related Student Groups/Clubs/Organizations and District-sanctioned athletics to encourage student participation and enhance the learning environment.
- B. The District provides equal access to participation for all students, regardless of race, color, national origin or ethnic group identification, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, age, disability, and/or socio-economic status.
- C. Student activities are an extension of the classroom and provide teaching and learning experiences for all involved.
- D. Student activity programs play an integral part in the educational goals and success of student-participants. To this end, the District and schools recognize the value of supporting, monitoring, and maintaining activities that provide a positive outlet for student-participants.

General Rules and Protocols

- A. No student shall be denied access to or membership in a school club, team, or organization based on gender, race, color, religion, political beliefs, disability, or any other discriminatory basis prohibited by Board policy. The prohibition against discrimination shall extend to the selection of officers for clubs and organizations.
- B. No student shall be prohibited from participating in sanctioned activities related to the educational program because of an inability to pay fees associated with the activity.
- C. Membership and participation shall be based on pre-established criteria. Written parent/guardian permission is required before a student is allowed to participate.
- D. If applicable, the charter, bylaws, or other written guidelines setting forth the purposes, qualifications for membership and the rules of conduct of each approved club or organization shall be kept on file and available to students and staff of the school.
- E. The principal is responsible and accountable for the supervision of all student activities connected with the school. An on-campus staff member shall be designated to serve in an advisor role for any student club or organization. The advisor shall report to school

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administration and ensure compliance with all District and site-based procedures related to student activities, to include decision-making, facilities use, security, finances, conduct of attendees and supervision.

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Student Activities: Administrative Regulations

Note: Separate from Curricular-related and noncurricular-related student groups, the District sponsors activity and athletic programs (including support groups such as spirit squads) which are governed by separate regulations.

Curricular-Related Student Groups/Clubs/Organization (District Sponsored)

- A. The curriculum at each school is determined by the District. Curricular-related student groups are limited to those having a direct association with the school's curriculum. A student group directly relates to the school's curriculum:
 - a. If the subject matter of the group is actually taught, or will soon be taught, in a regularly offered course;
 - b. If the subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole;
 - c. If participation in the group is required for a particular course; or
 - d. If participation in the group results in academic credit.

The District will make the final decision whether a student group has a direct association with the school's curriculum.

- B. Curricular-related student groups are sponsored by the school.
- C. Membership is limited to students currently enrolled in that particular school and/or feeder school. Homeschool students will be allowed to participate in accordance with LCSD Policy JECA: Participation of Homeschool, Charter School and Nonpublic School Students in Lyon County School District.
- D. Curricular-related student groups must submit an application to the school along with the group's proposed charter, bylaws, or other written guidelines setting forth the purposes, qualifications for membership and the rules of conduct. Preliminary approval should first be through the student leadership group, followed by final approval issued through the school principal.
- E. Each curricular-related student group shall have an advisor that is a District employee appointed by the principal who shall attend the meetings/activities.
- F. Speakers who are neither a member of the student body nor a District employee must have prior approval from the principal or designee as outlined in LCSD Policy IIAB: Media Material and Guest Presenters.
- G. Failure to function within the limits of District regulations and procedures may be cause for revocation of the recognition and disbandment of the curricular-related student groups/clubs/organizations.
- H. Curricular-related student groups and individual members of those student groups may distribute materials in conformance with District Policy KA: Distribution of Flyers and Announcements by External Organizations.

Noncurricular-Related Student Groups/Clubs/Organizations (Not District-Sponsored)

- A. Noncurricular-related student groups are not sponsored by the school. The fact that such student groups are permitted to conduct meetings on school premises and to access school facilities under this regulation does not constitute an expression of District or school support for the purpose of the student group or the views expressed at any of their meetings/activities.
- B. Noncurricular-related student groups are those groups that are not directly related to the curriculum and which are initiated and operated by students enrolled in the school.
- C. The Lyon County School District recognizes that secondary school students, Grades 7-12, have equal access to conduct noncurricular-related student-led meetings during non-instructional time within a limited open forum, and will not be discriminated against on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other speech content. All noncurricular-related student groups will have equal opportunities as provided by law.
- D. Meetings of noncurricular-related student groups/clubs/organizations:
 - a. Must be voluntary and student-initiated;
 - b. Must be during non-instructional time;
 - c. Are not sponsored by the school, the District, or their agents or employees;
 - d. May not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school;
 - e. Must not be directed, conducted, controlled, or regularly attended by non-school persons; and
 - f. Will have employees of the school or District present for custodial and safety purposes.
 - i. For special interest group meetings (i.e. Religious Clubs, Political Clubs, etc.) the employee may not promote, lead, or participate in the meeting. The presence of a teacher, administrator, or other employee at a meeting for custodial purposes does not constitute sponsorship of the meeting.
 - ii. For non-special interest group activities (i.e. Mountain Bike Club, Chess Club, etc.) the employee may lead and participate in the activity. The presence of a teacher, administrator, or other employee at an activity for custodial purposes does not constitute sponsorship of the activity.
- E. This regulation does not authorize any District school, its agents or employees to:
 - a. Influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity;
 - b. Require students or District employees to participate in prayer or other religious activity, or to attend a student-initiated meeting if the content of the meeting is contrary to their beliefs;

- c. Use public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing space for the student-initiated meetings;
 - d. Sanction meetings that are otherwise unlawful;
 - e. Limit the rights of groups of students which are not of a specific numerical size; or
 - f. Abridge the constitutional rights of any person.
- F. Noncurricular-related student groups must submit an application along with the group's proposed charter, bylaws, or other written guidelines setting forth the purposes, qualifications for membership and the rules of conduct. Approval shall be issued through the school principal.
- I. Membership is limited to students currently enrolled in that particular school and/or feeder school. Homeschool students will be allowed to participate in accordance with LCSD Policy JECA: Participation of Homeschool, Charter School and Nonpublic School Students in Lyon County School District.
- G. Speakers who are neither a member of the student body nor a District employee must have prior approval from the principal or designee as outlined in LCSD Policy IIAB: Media Material and Guest Presenters.
- H. This regulation does not alter the authority of the school, its administration or staff to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of students and staff, and to assure that the attendance of students at any meetings held under this regulation is voluntary.
- I. Noncurricular-related student groups and individual members of those student groups may distribute materials in conformance with District Policy KA: Distribution of Flyers and Announcements by External Organizations.
- J. Even though they are not District-sponsored, noncurricular-related student groups/clubs/organizations may fundraise subject to the limitations set forth in District Policy DA: Fundraising Policy.
- K. Failure to function within the limits of the District regulations and procedures may be cause for revocation of the recognition and disbandment of the noncurricular-related student groups/clubs/organizations.
- L. A student group that is associated with activities that present an elevated level of risk may be required to provide proof of insurance by the participant and/or group.
- M. Noncurricular-related activities that occur outside of the normal school day or during non-instructional time do not receive any funding from LCSD, do not require approval by the Board of Trustees for travel and are not eligible to use district transportation.
- N. Noncurricular-related activities may use the name of the school when it is required or necessary to distinguish it from other such teams or clubs in relation to competitions or other types of events. The use of the school name is not intended to show the team or

club falls under the control, supervision, direction, guidance, endorsement or sponsorship of the LCSD.

- O. LCSD employees shall act in the capacity as a private citizen supporting the noncurricular-related activity. LCSD employees must complete the Employee Involvement in Non-District Trip or Activity Disclosure Statement and collect signed copies of the LCSD Non-District Release of Liability Forms from all participants.
- P. LCSD employees supporting noncurricular-related activities must share with participating students, parents and/or adults the following message during all meetings, on all publications, postings and electronically published information related to the trip or activity:

Please note, this trip or activity is not a Lyon County School District (LCSD) event and I am not acting as a District employee when I am supporting this event. LCSD assumes no liability while students and adults are participating in this activity. Certain activities or trips may require accidental health insurance in case they are injured during this activity. In order for us to use LCSD facilities or materials, we must all complete a LCSD Non-District Release of Liability Form.

- Q. LCSD students and staff using District facilities and resources who are participating in noncurricular-related activities must complete the LCSD Non-District Release of Liability form. Individuals who are facilitating overnight non-District trips and events are strongly encouraged to follow the administrative guidelines provided within this policy to protect all participants and themselves.

**LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT IN NON-DISTRICT TRIP OR ACTIVITY
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Employee Name: _____

School: _____

Trip/Activity: _____

Trip/Activity Sponsor(s): _____

Travel Destination: _____

Dates of Activity: _____

As an employee of the Lyon County School District, I understand that I may participate in a non-District activity if the activity is separate and distinguishable from my employment with the District and does not interfere with performing my duty of employment with the District in any way. I will have all participants and their parents/guardians complete and sign the Non-District Release of Liability Form. I will disclose any and all forms of compensation that I receive from the students/adults and trip/activity sponsor.

I will share with participating students, parents and/or adults the following message during all meetings, on all publications, postings and electronically published information related to the trip or activity:

Please note, this trip or activity is not a Lyon County School District (LCSD) event and I am not acting as a District employee when I am supporting this event. LCSD assumes no liability while students and adults are participating in this activity. It is highly recommended that all participants have accidental health insurance in case they are injured during this activity. In order for us to use LCSD facilities or materials, we must all complete a LCSD Non-District Release of Liability Form.

I agree to provide liability insurance where applicable. I understand that LCSD will maintain a copy of these contracts and this disclosure statement. I agree that the private activity is not endorsed by the school or District and that my duties are outside the scope of and unrelated to any duties or responsibilities that I may have as an employee of LCSD. I agree to abide by all applicable laws and LCSD policies pertaining to non-District trips and activities.

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal/Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

LCSD Non-District Release of Liability Form

The Lyon County School District (LCSD) assumes no risk in any non-District trips and activities. Non-District trips and activities occur outside of the normal school day or during non-instructional time, do not receive any funding from LCSD, do not require approval by the Board of Trustees, are not eligible to use district transportation and do not have an advisor under contract to supervise students in a coaching or supervisory capacity. These trips and activities may include, but are not limited to off season athletic teams attending a camp or tournament, summer trips designed for students and/or adults, student clubs, etc.

LCSD employees may participate and support non-District trips and activities, but may only do so before or after their normal working hours, or during their scheduled breaks. LCSD employees shall act in the capacity as a private citizen supporting the non-District trip or activity. Additionally, LCSD employees supporting non-District trips and activities must share with participating students, parents and/or adults the following message during all meetings, on all publications, postings and electronically published information related to the trip or activity:

Please note, this trip or activity is not a Lyon County School District (LCSD) event and I am not acting as a District employee when I am supporting this event. LCSD assumes no liability while students and adults are participating in this activity. It is highly recommended that all participants have accidental health insurance in case they are injured during this activity. In order for us to use LCSD facilities or materials, we must all complete a LCSD Non-District Release of Liability Form.

The Lyon County District and _____ School are not affiliated with the trip/camp/clinic and do not receive any financial benefit. However, _____ is acting as a private citizen will receive the following benefit:

Description of Compensation	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$

I choose to participate in the _____. I understand that this trip or activity is not endorsed by the LCSD and that they assume no liability or risk regarding this non-District trip or activity.

Staff/Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Private Citizen's Signature: _____ Date: _____