

3380 - Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation Policy

Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are supplements to the regular instructional programs and afford students opportunities for enrichment. However, participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right, as pursuant to Idaho Code. As representatives of their school and District, students participating in such activities are expected to meet high standards of behavior.

Students are required to have parental permission to participate in any extracurricular activities sponsored by the District. Prior to joining any extracurricular club or organization, or participation on any athletic team, the student participant must submit to the advisor/coach a permission form signed by the parent/guardian, authorizing the student's participation in the club or athletic team.

Extracurricular or Co-curricular activity Suspension

The Board believes that the safety and welfare of other students may be adversely affected when students who are involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities commit major infractions or repeated minor infractions at school or during school activities, and/or are involved in criminal conduct or drug use in any location.

At the beginning of each semester, teachers or coaches of co-curricular courses will identify for students how participation in the co-curricular activity impacts their course grade. Co-curricular students who are suspended as a result of this policy will have their co-curricular course grade affected only if the reason for the suspension was related to course work or course expectations. Students who miss a co-curricular activity because of a suspension may ask to do, or be required to do, alternative assignments or special projects to make up the missed activity.

1. Activity Suspension as a Result of a School Suspension: A student will be immediately suspended from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities when he or she receives a suspension from school, not including an in-school detention, for any reason.

Consequences:

- A. The activity suspension is automatic, is for the duration of the school suspension, and runs concurrent with the school suspension; and
- B. This type of activity suspension cannot be appealed.

Infractions Which Occur in Out-of-School Trips: During an out-of-school trip, if the authorized person in charge of the activity determines that a student should be sent home early because of criminal conduct, drug use, or a major infraction, the authorized person will

notify the parent/guardian, and ask him or her to take charge of the return of the student. The parent/guardian will assume any expenses incurred for the return of the student.

Student Travel to or from an extracurricular activity or co-curricular activity: Unless other travel arrangements are authorized, students will board the bus at the school designated as point of origin for the trip and will return to the point of origin in the bus. There will be no stops along the designated route to pick up or discharge students.

The only variation allowed in this regulation is the release of students to parents in a face-to-face situation at the close of the activity before buses begin the return trip. Such release will require a signed, dated note from the parent.

The activity must provide at least one instructor, coach, or adult sponsor for each bus on a special trip. The bus driver will be responsible for supervision of students and enforcement of bus rules. Any adult designated by the principal as a sponsor will have such authority.

Students must follow all school bus rules with this exception: Food and drink not in glass containers will be allowed on the bus with permission of the principal. However, any debris must be cleaned up at the end of the trip and before students leave the bus.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512(12) Governance of
Schools – Governance of Schools – Board of Trustees Authorized to Supervise and
Regulate Certain Extracurricular Activities

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