

7410 - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board considers extracurricular activities to be a valuable part of the program of the school and shall support these activities within the financial means of the District. Extra-curricular activities shall provide District students with opportunities for broadening and strengthening their educational experiences. School sponsored extra-curricular activities shall be available to students who attend District schools or who attend an alternate school or program based upon a decision of the District Committee on Special Education. The Board and the staff shall be kept informed of the current regulations governing the formation, operational and financial procedures, supervision, and eligibility requirements of all extra-curricular activities.

At the conclusion of an extracurricular activity or at the end of the school year, there shall be an evaluation to ensure that the activity has provided the highest quality opportunity possible.

Limited Open Forum

The Board maintains a limited open forum where secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the instructional program, regardless of religious, political or philosophical content.

To provide "a fair opportunity" to students who wish to conduct a meeting, the Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Equal Access Act, shall ensure that:

- a) The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
- b) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;
- c) Employees or agents of the school or government are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;
- d) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
- e) Nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups (20 USC Section 4071[c]).

The Board prohibits student organizations whose activities may be unlawful or may cause disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of the educational process.

Administration is responsible for establishing regulations governing the use of school facilities by student organizations.

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- a) Students who are suspended from school on a day of an athletic game or practice session, party, school dance, or other school affair scheduled after regular school hours are not eligible for participation or attendance at such events.
- b) In order for students to attend a school-sponsored function, it is necessary that students attend classes for at least one half (1/2) of the school day on the day of the activity, unless otherwise excused by the building administrator. One-half (1/2) day at the secondary level is defined as follows: periods one through four and periods five through nine.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Sections 172.1 and .2
Education Law Sections 1709 and -a, 2503-a, and
2554-a
Equal Access Act,
20 United States Code (USC) Sections 4071-4074