

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The School Committee believes that student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations and knowledge and skills. Therefore, the Cohasset Public Schools will provide a broad and balanced program of activities geared to the various ages, interests, and needs of students.

The following will serve as guides in the organization of student activities:

1. The goal for each student will be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents, and the student. This should be a shared responsibility.
2. Guidance will be offered to encourage participation of all students in appropriate activities and to prevent over-emphasis on extracurricular activities at the cost of academic performance.
3. All activities will be supervised; all clubs and groups will have a faculty advisor.
4. Advantages and privileges of public schools include all extracurricular activities made available, sponsored or supervised by any public school. No school shall sponsor or participate in the organization of outside extracurricular activities conducted at such schools which restrict student's participation on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or national origin. 603 CMR 26.06 (1) does not prohibit School Committees from allowing use of school premises by independent groups with restrictive membership.
5. No student shall be denied the opportunity in any implied or explicit manner to participate in an extracurricular activity because of actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, immigration status, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran status, U.S. uniformed military service member status, disability, age (student age eligibility requirements excepted), homelessness, marital or parental status, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition, or any status or characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law except as provided in 603 CMR 26.06 (7).
6. The Cohasset Public Schools shall provide a fair distribution of athletic expenditures. The Cohasset Public Schools shall provide equal opportunity for all students to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports. Factors considered in determining equal opportunity shall include budgetary allocations, gender representation in the student body, the number and nature of activities offered, levels of competition, equipment (including rate of replacement), supplies, awards, uniforms, facilities, scheduling of games and practice times, travel opportunities and allowances, opportunities to receive equitable coaching and instruction at each level of competition and the availability of services such as medical and insurance coverage, publicity, clerical and administrative staff, scouting services and audio-visual aids.
7. In developing its athletic program, the Cohasset Public Schools shall be required to demonstrate good faith by taking into account determined student interest.
8. In order to ensure fair distribution of athletic expenditures as defined in 603 CMR 26.06 (4), each school shall indicate in the budget that is reviewed by the School Committee the

anticipated expenditure for each interscholastic and intramural athletic activity and the anticipated student participation in the activity by number and sex.

9. The Cohasset Public Schools may establish separate teams for male and female for interscholastic and intramural competition in a particular sport, provided that the requirements of 603 CMR 26.06 (8) are satisfied.
10. Teams comprised primarily or solely of persons on one sex shall be granted equal instruction, training, coaching, access to available facilities, equipment and opportunities to practice and compete as teams engaged in a similar activity comprised primarily or solely of persons of the opposite sex.
11. Participation in extracurricular activities shall be actively encouraged by the Cohasset Public Schools for all students. When offering extracurricular programs, the Cohasset Public Schools shall take into consideration the ideals of the District and equity for all students. Criteria not related to skill levels which act to exclude members of one sex or any racial, religious, or ethnic group represented in the school from participation in specific athletic or other extracurricular activities will not be permitted.

Cohasset Public Schools Nondiscrimination Clause:

The Cohasset Public Schools policy of nondiscrimination shall apply to the District's students, staff, and families, and shall extend to the District's dealings with the general public and those with whom it does business, in accordance with applicable law. No individual shall be discriminated against in admission, employment, or access to educational opportunities, courses of study, programs, activities, or facilities of the Cohasset Public Schools on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, immigration status, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran status, U.S. uniformed military service member status, disability, age (student age eligibility requirements excepted), homelessness, marital or parental status, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition, or any status or characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Cohasset Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer. Any complaint of a violation of the District's nondiscrimination policy should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools or to the relevant District Officer or Coordinator (*e.g.*, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, ADA, Section 504, McKinney-Vento).

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