

## **SUBJECT: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Board of Education 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.

### **Limited Open Forum**

The Board of Education 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 of Education, 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.

### **Eligibility for Attendance**

- 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.

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- b) For all extracurricular activities which do not bear academic credit including clubs, student council, drama, etc.:
1. All advisors/coaches will submit a list of participating students to the Principal once students join or are chosen for an activity.
  2. To be eligible, a student must not have failing or incomplete grades in a total of two (2) or more subjects.
  3. Eligibility will be checked at five (5) week intervals.
  4. If a student is found to have failing or incomplete grades in two (2) or more subjects, he must follow the procedures out-lined below to remain eligible for participation.
    - (a) The student will have seven (7) calendar days from the date the ineligibility list is published to improve deficient grades. During this seven (7) day period, the student will remain eligible.
    - (b) At the end of the seven (7) day period, a check of weekly progress will begin. The student must have a "pass/fail" slip reflecting work for the week signed by all of his teachers and approved by the Principal (or in his absence the Superintendent of Schools). If the "pass/fail" slip reflects more than one (1) failing grade, the student will not be eligible for one (1) week until the next weekly check.

If a student is involved with the above system for a five (5) week period and is failing two (2) or more subjects at the regular five (5) week check, the student will automatically be ineligible for participation for one (1) week beginning one (1) week from the day the ineligibility list is published. The student will continue weekly checks of eligibility to establish eligibility on a weekly basis after this.

The "pass/fail" slips must be signed by all of the student's teachers and approved by the Principal (or in his absence the Superintendent of Schools) no later than 3:30 p.m. each Friday until the next five (5) week eligibility check (even if the weekly check reflects that all subjects are being passed for the week). If the student's grades meet the eligibility requirements at the next five (5) week check, he will not have to have a weekly "pass/fail" slip signed for the next five (5) week period.

If a student is ineligible for an athletic squad, drama production, musical groups etc., which has practices or rehearsals, he may participate in the practice/rehearsal but not in the contest or performance while ineligible. If a student is ineligible for a club or other organization, he may not attend meetings or take part in planning or assisting with functions sponsored by the organization.

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Advisors/coaches are encouraged to check on the eligibility of the members, of their activities throughout the school year. Progress reports are available in the Guidance office for this purpose.

Equal Access Act,  
20 United States Code (USC) Sections 4071-4074  
Education Law Sections 1709 and 1709-a, 2503-a, and  
2554-a  
Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 142  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Part 172

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