

## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

## **Board Policy Statement**

## 6145.1 - Student Eligibility to Participate in Extracurricular Activities

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The Board of Education believes individual students will benefit from opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through experiences that provide the opportunity for participation in competitive intraschool and interschool teams, individual sports activities, and extracurricular school sponsored clubs and organizations.

The purpose of school sponsored extracurricular athletics, clubs and organizations is both educational and recreational. The activities should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the prime consideration. Participation should be without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school, community and home.

Every possible effort shall be made to offer equal opportunities for both sexes in activities. It is recognized that well-organized and well-conducted school sponsored extracurricular programs are potent factors in the morale of a student body and an important phase of good school-community relations. The ultimate goal is to develop and improve the positive citizenship of students and to emphasize academic standards. Students must maintain an overall minimum C- average in order to participate in school sponsored extracurricular athletics, clubs and organizations.

In addition, students in grades 6 through 8 are required to maintain the passing grade in all core subjects.