

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

It is the policy of the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board to allow opportunities for all students residing in the district to participate in co/extra-curricular activities and programs designed to meet their needs and interests. Co/extra-curricular activities include, but are not necessarily limited to: field trips, excursions, athletics (including intramurals), band, chorus, clubs, organizations, school dances, and others.

Such activities and programs are intended to supplement and enrich regular academic instruction; provide opportunities for social development; encourage participation in clubs, athletics, or performing groups; or encourage service to the school and community.

Any student organization or school/District-sanctioned team, club, or activity must be recommended by the building principal and approved by the Board.

A. Eligibility.

To participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, all students must meet eligibility requirements and understand that such participation is a privilege, not a right. The Superintendent is directed to establish eligibility standards and procedures for acceptable academic performance, good citizenship/sportsmanship, parental/guardian permission, fees, and physical exams/health requirements. The eligibility standards and procedures will be published in the student/parent handbooks. The building principal or designee will verify that all students meet eligibility standards and procedures prior to the student's participation in the activity. Any person so designated by the principal must be trained on the requirements of Board policy **JJJ**.

In addition, participation in interscholastic sports or other school activities affiliated with outside organizations (e.g., the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, the New Hampshire Music Educators Association, etc.) is subject to the rules and eligibility requirements of those organizations. Additional Board policies, administrative regulations, or activity rules may apply to specific programs, clubs, and activities. See Board policy **JJIB** regarding interscholastic athletics.

In the event that a program has reached capacity, determinations must be made in the same manner as described in Section A of Board policy **JJJ**.

B. Participation by Home Education and Other Non-Enrolled District Students.

Participation in student activities and organizations must have the same eligibility and participation requirements for both district students and for home-educated, charter school, or non-enrolled district school resident students ("non-enrolled district students"). See Board policy **JJJ** for information on participation by such students.

C. Appeals.

Any student or parent/guardian who believes that the District's policies/regulations or the State's laws/regulations have not been appropriately or fairly interpreted regarding eligibility or participation in a school course or program may appeal in the same manner as provided in Section E of Board policy **JJJ**.

D. Administrative Regulations or Procedures.

The Superintendent or designee may adopt such administrative regulations or procedures as they deem appropriate in order to implement this policy. Such regulations or procedures must also comply with Board policy **JJJ**.

Legal Reference:

RSA 193:1-c Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic or Home Educated Pupils

RSA 193-A:6 Home Education, Records: Evaluation

NH Code of Admin. Rules, Sect. Ed 306.27(b)(5) High School Cocurricular Program

NH Code of Admin. Rules, Sect. Ed 306.27(v) Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

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