



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 intra-school 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.

The District shall provide equal athletic and extracurricular opportunities for all students in strict adherence to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Connecticut state non-discrimination laws. 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

For less formal activities such as field trips, dances, and other events, the Board recognizes the school principal's authority and discretion over these matters. While these events are sometimes used as incentives or rewards for students with good behavior or attendance, the Board encourages that principals shall consider each case in light of students' needs, hardships, or other matters that may have been beyond the student's control. When these events are used as incentives or rewards, school administrators should make these criteria well known in advance to students and families.