



Capital School District

Board of Education Policy

Section: Student
Title: Student Activities
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Purpose:

The Capital School District encourages a rich and varied program of student extracurricular activities and also believes that the important role of student government assists in developing citizenship responsibility for all students.

ACTIVITIES-FUNDS-MANAGEMENT

The Board authorizes the establishment and maintenance of a Student Body Account at each of the middle schools and at Dover High School. An administrator of the school shall be responsible for the proper administration of the financial activities of each Student Body Account with the directions of the district business office, provisions of the State law, and appropriate accounting procedures and practices. All monies will be deposited with the district business office, which will provide regular fiscal reports and assist in their proper management.

The annual school district audit shall include an audit of student organization funds.

STUDENT CLUBS AND DANCES

The Board of Education approves of activities designed to improve the character, citizenship qualities and educational growth of students. Activities such as Student Council, National Honor Society, Library Club, School Newspaper, etc., are to be encouraged under general supervision of the school principals.

School dances are encouraged as an outlet and opportunity for wholesome recreation and growth. School principals will develop and enforce reasonable rules and regulations relating to school activities.

CAMPAIGNS OR ACTIVITIES FOR RAISING MONEY

Except when authorized by the school principal, public school pupils shall not be requested on, in, or about the premises in any organized campaign, to raise funds for any purpose, nor may pupils carry on such campaigns or drives within their classroom. In the conduct of approved campaigns for funds, donations must be entirely voluntary without any pressure which compares the giving by one pupil with the giving by another.

MEMBERSHIP IN FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Secret societies, fraternities and sororities, where membership is not by free choice, are prohibited by regulation of the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education policy relative to fraternities and sororities is as follows:

“No pupil enrolling in public school in any district of Delaware shall be a member of a frat or sorority, or any other secret, exclusive, self-perpetuating social organization composed in whole or part of public school pupils which seek to organize and perpetuate itself by taking in members from among the pupils enrolled in such school in which they are pupils, upon the basis of decision of the membership of such organization rather than from the free choice of any pupil in such school who are otherwise qualified to fill the special aims of such an organization.

The local board of education is hereby authorized, upon finding that any pupil is a member of a high school fraternity, sorority or school organization as above defined, to exclude such pupil from representing the school in any public activity contest, or exhibition such as athletic, literary, or dramatic; and from participating in any school activity other than class attendance; and from holding a position of authority in any class or school organization.

Nothing in this regulation shall be deemed as prohibiting the local board of education from excluding any pupil from class in those instances where the behavior of such pupil is detrimental to school discipline.”

Any definition of fraternity, sorority, or secret exclusive self-perpetuating social organization shall not be deemed to include youth organizations of fraternal orders, religious and church organizations, or similar organizations which are institutionally sponsored or approved and which are organized with responsible adult leadership and supervision.