PSBA
Pennsylvania School Boards Association

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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122-AR-0. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following administrative regulation governs the registration and management of student **extracurricular activities that are sponsored or approved by the Joint Operating Committee**.

The Joint Operating Committee will approve **a student extracurricular activity** organized for a purpose not prohibited by Joint Operating Committee policy or by law, if the **activity** complies with all provisions of Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations. Any **extracurricular activity** that violates Joint Operating Committee policy and/or administrative regulations may be subject to losing its right to meet on school premises, as otherwise guaranteed under the Equal Access Act.

An extracurricular activity, as defined in Policy 122. Extracurricular Activities, is deemed to be school-sponsored or Joint Operating Committee approved whether or not the activity is related to the curriculum.

Classification

The building administrator will determine whether **an extracurricular activity** is curriculum-related or not. In order to qualify as curriculum-related, the relationship between the **extracurricular activity** and the curriculum must meet one (1) of the following criteria:

1. Subject matter of the **activity** must actually be taught or will be taught in a regularly scheduled course.

2. Subject matter of the **activity** must concern the body of planned instruction as a whole.

3. Participation in the **activity** is a course requirement.

4. Academic credit is earned for participation in the **activity**.

An **extracurricular activity** that does not meet at least one (1) of the above criteria will be classified as noncurriculum-related.

Curriculum-Related **Activities**

For curriculum-related **extracurricular activities**, faculty advisors will have the authority to provide in-depth guidance and teaching to students, and will act on behalf of the school to ensure that the activities are aligned with the school's objectives. All such faculty advisors must teach a

subject in the school whose content is directly related to the **extracurricular** activities, or have sufficient experience or expertise related to that subject, as determined by the administration.

Non-curriculum-Related **Activities**

For purposes of implementing Policy 122. Extracurricular Activities, a non-curriculum-related extracurricular activity is an activity that has a purpose and subject matter not directly related to the body of planned instruction offered by the school **but is sponsored or approved by the Joint Operating Committee**. Pursuant to the federal Equal Access Act, all **non-curriculum-related activities must be given a fair opportunity to conduct meetings and events on school property, without discrimination, in the same manner as curriculum-related activities.**

Individuals who are not directly affiliated with the school may not regularly attend **meetings** of non-curriculum-related student **activities**. Notification of the attendance of **such** a **person** at a **non-curriculum-related** meeting **or activity** must be submitted to the building administrator at least seven (7) school days prior to the meeting.

Extracurricular Activity Registration

Students requesting to form **an extracurricular activity** must apply in writing to the building administrator. At that time and each year thereafter, **the extracurricular activity** will be required to:

1. Submit a list of its members and officers.

2. Submit a copy of its constitution and/or bylaws.

Authority

The Administrative Director, building administrator and/or designee has full authority to prohibit unlawful meetings; maintain discipline and order on school premises; prevent the material and substantial interference with the orderly conduct of educational activities; **and** protect the well-being of students and other members of the school community.

Scheduling Meetings

Based upon availability and advance request, properly registered **extracurricular activities** may conduct meetings on school premises before and after school and during the lunch hour, as the schedule permits.

Requests for permission to schedule meetings of **extracurricular activities** must be submitted on the approved form to the building administrator or designee at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Presence of Faculty Advisors

To ensure appropriate levels of safety, the school requires the presence of a faculty advisor for all meetings and **events** of **extracurricular activities**, whether curriculum-related or not. If **an extracurricular activity** is unable to secure a faculty advisor, the school will ensure that one is provided. No school employee will be expected to attend or **serve as an advisor for** a meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to the employee's beliefs.

Meeting/Activity Announcements

The building administrator will allow all **extracurricular activities**, whether curriculum-related or not, to have their meetings and activities announced through school media, such as bulletin boards, morning announcements on the P.A. system, school television program, school calendar, school newspaper, school website, and hallways for announcement posters, subject to the following requirements:

1. Announcements for **such** meetings and activities, whether curriculum-related or not, may only include the name of the group; date, time, and place of the meeting or activity; and general subject of the meeting or activity. Announcements will not advocate for a particular position or promote a viewpoint.

2. All announcements must be submitted to the building administrator or designee at least one (1) school day in advance of the meeting or activity.

3. The building administrator or designee will ensure that all announcements adhere to these requirements, and will decide how such announcements may be displayed and/or conveyed.

Dissemination of Policy/Regulations

Copies of pertinent Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations will be made available to students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators during regular business hours in the building administrator's office.

A copy of pertinent Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations will be provided to the student members and faculty advisors of all **extracurricular activities** upon initial registration and annually thereafter.

Each member of **an extracurricular activity** will be asked to sign a statement indicating that **they have** read, understand, and agree to abide by Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations.

Equal Treatment

The provisions of this administrative regulation will be applied equally to all extracurricular activities.

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