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### *5501 Fundraising Activities*

Student fundraising activities are subject to review and approval by the Superintendent or designee.

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### *5502 Student Government*

The purpose of student government is to provide students with leadership opportunities and experience in the representative democratic process.

Students may elect officers and representatives, conduct meetings, and engage in approved activities and functions designed to be beneficial to the student body.

A student government organization must be supervised by a staff member. A student government organization's charter, constitution, or bylaws will be subject to review and approval by the Superintendent or designee.

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### *5503 Bulletin Boards and Other Student Postings*

Space may be provided within school buildings or on school electronic media for students and student organizations to post notices related to student groups. The following general limitations apply:

A. All postings will be subject to the review and approval of the appropriate building administrator or designee. Students may not post material containing any statement or expression that is libelous, obscene, or vulgar; violates Board policy, including the student code of conduct; promotes illegal substances (including, but not limited to, substances that are illegal for minors to possess or consume); or is otherwise unsuitable for or disruptive to the school environment.

B. All postings must identify the student or the student organization responsible for posting the notice.

C. The building principal or designee may remove any approved posted material after a reasonable time, as determined in the building principal's or designee's discretion.

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### *5504 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions*

School-sponsored student publications and productions are part of the District's instructional program. The Board supports the development of student communication skills through school-sponsored student publications and productions, which may include newspapers, yearbooks, theatrical performances, and electronic media.

All school-sponsored student publications and productions are nonpublic forums and must conform to high scholastic and professional journalistic standards. The Superintendent or designee may regulate the style and content of student publications and productions for legitimate pedagogical reasons. The Superintendent or designee may review and prohibit any school-sponsored student publication or production that does not conform to these standards or that contains material considered vulgar, profane, or unsuitable for or disruptive to the school environment.

Any advertisements contained in a school-sponsored publication or production must comply with Policy 3308.

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### *5505 School Attendance on Days of Scheduled Activities*

Students who are absent from school for any part of the school day are not permitted to participate in an extracurricular activity, practice, competition, or performance on the day of absence unless the student has prior permission to participate from the building principal or designee.

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### *5506 Field Trips*

Field trips should generally be conducted during the school day.

A. General Conditions

All field trips must be pre-approved by the building principal or designee. Out-of-state and overnight trips require pre-approval from the Board or its designee. Field trips should be primarily academic in nature and related to the curriculum. The Superintendent or building principal(s) will develop procedures for approval of trips and communicate those procedures to instructional staff.

B. Parent Permission

Each student must submit a completed permission form signed by the student's Parent before being allowed to attend a field trip.

C. Supervision

Teachers must ensure that students are adequately supervised and chaperoned by a responsible adult at all times during field trips. A chaperone is prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages or using non-prescribed controlled substances at any time during the field trip. A chaperone must adhere to all District and building volunteer requirements, including Policy 3105.

The District may deny or terminate a chaperone assignment for any reason that is not unlawful.

The District will not prohibit an eligible student from participating in a field trip solely because the student's Parent does not chaperone.

D. Student Conduct

A student's failure to comply with Board Policy, the student code of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations while on a field trip may result in disciplinary action and removal or exclusion from the trip.

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### *5507 Extracurricular Activities*

A. General Purpose

"Extracurricular activities" are defined as District-sponsored optional activities, including athletics, that are not for grade or credit.

Extracurricular activities, while an important part of the total school experience, are secondary to the academic program. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

Extracurricular activities do not include:

1. co-curricular activities such as band and choir, in which students must participate as part of the requirements for enrollment in and receiving a grade for a particular course; or

2. student-initiated, noncurricular student groups, which are permitted to hold meetings and events on school premises. These groups are not school-sponsored and are governed by Policies 3304 and 5510.

B. Governance

The District has exclusive control over extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, formation, naming, structure, operation, financing, and discontinuance.

Students and sponsors are governed by all Policies, applicable codes of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations.

Extracurricular groups may use District facilities consistent with Policy 3304.

C. Student Eligibility

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. Participation is open to students who meet the eligibility requirements established by the District and any applicable governing body.

Students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities must abide by Board Policy, applicable codes of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations. A student's failure to comply with Board Policy, applicable codes of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations may result in disciplinary action and exclusion from extracurricular activities.

Students who participate in interscholastic athletics may not use performance-enhancing substances. Performance-enhancing substances include any

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substance banned by the NCAA. Students who use performance-enhancing substances may be disciplined and excluded from the activity.

D. Advisors and Coaches

Each extracurricular activity must have an advisor or coach who is a District employee or a selected community member who is qualified by virtue of education, training, experience, or special interest to serve as the advisor or coach, as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee will assign activity advisors and athletic coaches. Advisors and coaches serve at the will of the Superintendent, who may remove an activity advisor or athletic coach in the Superintendent's sole discretion, absent contrary contractual provisions.

Sponsors may be required to develop materials, activities, and a budget; promote membership and participation; communicate with the building principal or designee, staff, students, and Parents; schedule meeting dates and locations; plan meaningful experiences; supervise students during activities; evaluate and make program recommendations; and submit a year-end report to the building principal or designee.

E. Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities must comply with Policy 5501.

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### *5508 Extracurricular and Athletic Trips*

The Superintendent or designee will annually publish in the student handbook(s) procedures for student transportation to and from extracurricular and athletic events. The procedures will comply with Policy 3105.

A student's failure to comply with Board Policy, the student code of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations while on a trip may result in disciplinary action and exclusion from future trips.

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### *5509 Public Appearances of School Groups*

The Board permits student groups to appear/perform at public events, subject to the following requirements:

A. activity advisors must secure the permission of the building principal or designee before booking a student group at a public event;

B. activity advisors are discouraged from booking student groups to perform on more than 1 school night (Sunday-Thursday) per week;

C. student groups may not be required to perform at a political rally or event;

D. student groups may not be required to perform at religious ceremonies; and

E. a student's failure to comply with Board Policy, the student code of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations during public appearances may result in disciplinary action and exclusion from future appearances at public events.

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### *5510 Student-Initiated, Non-Curricular Clubs*

Students may voluntarily form clubs that are not directly related to the curriculum. Membership in a student-initiated, non-curricular club must be open to all interested and eligible District students, and the club may not refuse membership to a student based on any protected classification under state or federal law.

Students seeking to create a student-initiated, non-curricular club must first obtain approval from the building principal. If the building principal denies approval, the students seeking to create the club may submit a written appeal to the Superintendent or designee within 5 school days after the denial. The Superintendent or designee must make a decision on the appeal within 15 school days after receiving the appeal. The appeal decision is final.

Student-initiated, non-curricular clubs may not conduct activities on school property without prior permission from the building principal. Student initiated, non-curricular clubs are permitted to meet on school property only before or after the school day, or during lunch periods; they are not permitted to meet during instructional time. Meetings may not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the school's educational activities or violate any Policy or state or federal law.

The District may assign a staff member to be present in a supervisory, but not participatory, capacity at meetings or activities of student-initiated, non-curricular clubs. Persons not affiliated with the District may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend meetings or activities of student-initiated, non-curricular clubs.

No public funds may be expended on behalf of the student-initiated, non-curricular clubs covered by this Policy except for the incidental cost of meeting space.

The District will comply with all applicable laws related to student-initiated, non-curricular clubs, including but not limited to the provisions of the Equal Access Act and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and will not discriminate against or deny access to clubs or other groups protected by the applicable laws.

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### *5511 Secret Organizations*

Secret organizations are prohibited. School property or school buildings may not be used for the purpose of rushing or soliciting students to participate in any secret organization, fraternity, sorority, society, or association.

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