

Houston County Board of Education			
Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Extracurricular Activities	Descriptor Code: 4.300	Issued Date: 09/14/26
		Rescinds:	Issued: 09/09/24; 08/14/23; 07/08/13; 01/09/95

General

The following shall be adhered to:

1. The Board shall initially approve extracurricular activities at the district-level to ensure proper support and supervision.
2. Each student activity shall be under the guidance and direction of a staff member.
3. All extracurricular activities at the school level shall have the approval of the principal.
4. Student activities occurring before or after regularly scheduled school hours must be under the supervision of the principal/designee.
5. Secret organizations shall not be operated in any school.
6. A student shall not be required to attend an extracurricular activity that is scheduled at a time which conflicts with his/her religious practices.¹
7. Extracurricular activities during vacation periods shall be restricted to regularly scheduled athletic programs and major events which cannot be scheduled otherwise.
8. Student groups shall not participate in state or national activities which are not listed as approved activities by a regional accrediting association or the state and national principals' associations without the approval of the Director of Schools/Designee.
9. A student on out-of-school suspension shall not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities.
10. Activities which restrict participation because of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities, or national origin are strictly forbidden.² Sex shall be defined as the "immutable characteristics of the person's reproductive system that identify the person as male or female, as determined by anatomy and genetics existing at the time of birth."³

STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS³

All students under the age of eighteen (18) shall present a signed and dated statement from their parent/guardian before joining any club or organization or participating in activities of a club or organization. The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures outlining this recordkeeping process.

National Conferences

When available, the Board will support sending a student/students to a national conference by making a contribution of \$500.00 to help defray the cost. The contribution will be made to the school organization under the following guidelines:

1. A student must earn the right to attend a national conference (by competing at the state level or by earning a national award), not by invitation. It is understood that
 - a. some contests allow more entrants per state than others; and
 - b. in some cases, participants do not have to place at the state level to enter at the national level.
2. This policy applies only to students who will be representing the state of Tennessee and the Houston County School District as contestants and not to local contestants participating in an invitational, unsanctioned, or similar contest or event.

The student/students must be in good standing in his/her organization, must have at least passing grades in all classes, and must have good attendance practices.

Legal References

1. [TCA 49-6-1002\(c\)](#)
2. [34 CFR § 106.41](#)
3. [Public Acts of 2026, Chapter No. 938](#)
4. [TCA 49-6-1031\(b\)](#)

Cross References

Special Use of School Vehicles 3.402
Interscholastic Athletics 4.301
Field Trips/Excursions/Competitions 4.302
Attendance 6.200