Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities

The purpose of education is to develop the whole person of the student. For this reason an educational program must embody, as an essential element, activities that involve students beyond the classroom and foster the values that result from interaction and united effort. Such activities form a logical extension of the required and general curriculum and the elective or special curriculum.

The Board has established the criteria for cocurricular and extracurricular activities consistent with its philosophy of, and goals for, education. All student activity programs must:

1. have educational value for students;

2. be in balance with other curricular offerings in the schools and be supportive of, and never in competition with, the academic program and

3. be managed in a professional manner.

The Board may require that students pay reasonable fees to participate in cocurricular and extracurricular activities.

The following guidelines govern the student activity programs.

1. Student activities are those school-sponsored activities that are voluntarily engaged in by students, have the approval of the school administration and do not carry credit toward promotion or graduation.
2. Each school, under the direction of the principal and certified staff, has a student activity program designed to stimulate student growth and development by supplementing and enriching the curricular activities. All receipts and expenditures are accounted for through the activity account.
3. Each activity should be designed to contribute directly to the educational, civic, social and ethical development of the students involved.
4. The student activity program receives the same attention in terms of philosophy, objectives, social setting, organization and evaluation as that given the regular school curriculum.
5. Each school develops written guidelines and procedures regulating the creation, organization, administration and dissolution of student activity programs. The Superintendent reports annually to the Board the general purposes, plans and financial status of the cocurricular and extracurricular programs of the District.

6. The expenses involved in participating in any school activity and in the total program for a school year should be set so that a majority of the students may participate without financial strain. Special consideration may be given in cases in which the expense of participating would result in exclusion.
7. Activities must be open to all students, regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, religion, sex, economic status, age, disability or military status.
8. Activities must not place undue burdens upon students, teachers or schools.
9. Activities should not interfere with regularly scheduled classes. This limitation often requires conducting such activities beyond the regular school day, if possible.
10. Activities at any level should be unique, not duplications of others already in operation.
11. Students participating in cocurricular and extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate responsible behavior and good conduct. The Board encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship in all phases of the educational process, including athletics and all other cocurricular and extracurricular activities.
12. Students suspended and expelled from school are banned from extracurricular activities. Students may also be suspended from extracurricular activities for violations of the student code of conduct or the code of conduct of the particular activity in which they participate. Students are permitted to participate in interscholastic or other extracurricular activities on days they are absent for approved religious expression days. Students absent from school for other reasons may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities on that date.
13. Annually, the Board directs the Superintendent/designee to identify supplemental contract positions that supervise, direct or coach a student activity program that involves athletic, routine/regular physical activity or health and safety considerations. Upon the identification of the position, the individual must complete the requirements established by the State Board of Education and State law.
14. Students may be expelled for up to one year for firearm-related or knife-related incidents occurring off school property while at an interscholastic competition, extracurricular event or other school-sponsored activity.
15. Students may be removed from extracurricular activities when their presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption. If a student is removed from extracurricular activities, such removal may include all extracurricular activities in which the student is involved.
16. **Resident students enrolled in community schools** are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

17. **Resident students attending STEM and STEAM schools** are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.
18. **Resident students attending a nonpublic school** are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school to which the student would be assigned if the nonpublic school the student is enrolled in does not offer the extracurricular activity. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.
19. **Resident students receiving home education** in accordance with State law are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.
20. **Nonresident students receiving home education** may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an interscholastic athletic program offered by a school of the District if the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee or volunteer, or by another student from the district or school where the student is participating in athletics:
    A. Harassment, intimidation or bullying, as defined by Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.666.
    B. A qualifying offense for which the school official, employee, volunteer or another student has been charged with, indicted for, convicted of or pled guilty to committing or is alleged to be or is adjudicated as a delinquent child for committing. A qualifying offense is defined as an offense or attempt to commit an offense of violence or a violation of RC 2907.07.
    C. Conduct by a school official, employee or volunteer that violates the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators. A home educated student who meets these criteria must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

Student Extracurricular Activity Mobility

A student enrolled in a neighboring high school as defined by RC3313.5321 which does not offer an interscholastic extracurricular program activity may petition to participate in that activity at a high school of the District in the following manner:

1. the student wishing to participate petitions the Superintendent in writing using forms designated by the Superintendent/designee. The Board directs the Superintendent/designee to design forms for this purpose. Such forms may include but not be limited to forms developed by OHSAA;

    a. before petitioning to participate at a school of this District, if the district in which the student is enrolled operates multiple high schools, the student must first petition to participate in the program at another high school operated by that district, if one offers that program. If that petition has been denied, the student enrolled in the neighboring district may petition to participate in a program at a high school of this District;

2. the superintendents or chief administrative officers of both districts must approve the student's participation in the activity;
3. the superintendent or chief administrative officer of the school district in which the student is enrolled must certify that the student has not participated in that activity in their school district during the same school year;
4. the student is of the appropriate age and grade level for the extracurricular activity, as determined by the Superintendent, and fulfills the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant, including trying out for a position on the activity.

A student is not eligible to petition to participate in an extracurricular activity solely because the school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the competition level at which the student wishes to compete (i.e. varsity, junior varsity or freshman team).

A student shall not participate in the same extracurricular activity at more than one high school in any one school year. If a high school participates in a regular season contest for an extracurricular and subsequently ceases offering that activity prior to the conclusion of that activity until the next school year.

Nonresident students attending nonpublic, community STEM, or STEAM, schools A student attending a nonpublic, community, STEM or STEAM school who is not entitled to attend school in the District may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the District. The activity must be one the school the student is enrolled in does not offer and may not be interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics except in accordance with RC 3313.5321.

Nonresident students attending nonpublic schools may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the District that is interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics when:

1. the activity is one the school the student is enrolled in does not offer;
2. the student is not participating in the activity in the student's district of residence;

3. the superintendent of the student's district of residence certifies the student has not participated in any extracurricular activity that is interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics in the district for that school year and
4. the Superintendent and the superintendent of the student's district of residence mutually agree in writing to allow the student to participate in the activity.

A student receiving home education in accordance with State law who is not entitled to attend school in the District may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the District. The activity must be one that the district the student is entitled to attend does not offer.

A student enrolled in another district may participate in ice hockey in the District if the district in which the student is enrolled does not offer ice hockey as an interscholastic athletic activity when:

1. the student's district is less than 20 miles away;
2. the student is not required to enroll in or be a resident of the district that offers ice hockey;
3. the student is of the appropriate age and grade level and fulfills the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant, including trying out for a position on the team and
4. the superintendents of both school districts enter into an agreement approving the student's participation in ice hockey at the school district in which the student is not enrolled.

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Cross References

AFI - Evaluation of Educational Resources
DJ - Purchasing
EBBA - First Aid
GCBB - Professional Staff Supplemental Contracts
GDBB - Support Staff Pupil Activity Contracts
IGCH (Also LEC) - College Credit Plus
IGDB - Student Publications
IGDC - Student Social Events
IGDF - Student Fundraising Activities
IGDG - Student Activities Funds Management
IGDJ - Interscholastic Athletics
IGDJA - Drug Testing of Students in Interscholastic Athletics
IGDK - Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility
JECBA - Admission of Exchange Students
JECBC - Admission of Students From Non-Chartered or Home Education
JED - Student Absences and Excuses
JEDC - Religious Expression Days
JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools
JG - Student Discipline
JGD - Student Suspension
JGDA - Emergency Removal of Student
JGE - Student Expulsion
JGF - Discipline of Students with Disabilities
JL - Student Gifts and Solicitations
JN - Student Fees, Fines and Charges
KGB - Public Conduct on District Property
KK - Visitors to the Schools
Student Handbooks