



BOARD POLICY

122-DRAFT-2 Extracurricular Activities Draft

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Purpose

The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as enriching the educational experience, building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, promoting civic engagement and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of teamwork, leadership and good citizenship.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities ~~shall be those refers to~~ programs, including athletic activities, that are sponsored or approved by the ~~Board and are~~ Board, are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school ~~day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are day and~~ equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

For purposes of this policy, an athletic activity shall mean all of the following:^{[1][2]}

1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the school, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations.
2. Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the school.
3. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

Authority

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act and other applicable laws.

regulations and Board policies.^{[3][4][5][6][7]}

The Board encourages secondary level students to pursue clubs and interests that may not be related directly to any of the curriculum programs offered in the District. In pursuit of such goal and in compliance with law, the Board maintains a limited open forum in which secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the curriculum, regardless of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech related to such activities.^{[3][7]}

Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee upon recommendation of the building principal.

The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:

1. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.
2. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall ~~be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.~~ **determine the standards for eligibility to be met by all students participating in an extracurricular activity.**^{[4][9]}

The Board directs that no student may participate in extracurricular activities who has not:

1. **Met the requirements for academic eligibility.**^[4]
2. **Complied with the requirements of applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.**^{[10][11][12]}
3. **Attended school regularly.**^[13]
4. **Been in attendance on the day of the activity, event or practice for the hours required.**
5. **Returned all school equipment previously used as directed.**
6. **Adhered to other applicable conduct standards.**

Off-Campus Activities

~~This policy shall also apply to student~~ **Student** conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist: **or during nonschool hours shall be addressed in accordance with the provisions of the student discipline policy regarding on and off-campus activities.**^[12]

1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school District furnished transportation.
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

Delegation of Responsibility

Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and ~~the student athlete's~~ their parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgment of receipt and review of the following: ~~[2][10][11][14]~~

1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet, that includes information about electrocardiogram testing.

The Superintendent or ~~the Superintendent's~~ designee shall develop **policies** administrative regulations to implement the extracurricular activities program.

~~All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.~~

~~At the request of the Board, an ad hoc committee comprised of administration and staff shall be established with the purpose of recommending parameters and policies to the Board concerning Extra Duty Responsibilities.~~

Guidelines

Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:

1. Assesses the needs and interests of, and is responsive to, District students.
2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and the community in developing extracurricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act. ^[3]
3. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.

4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
5. Guards against exploitation of students.
6. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
7. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
8. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students, **without discrimination**, and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.^{[15][16]}

Equal Access Act

~~The District shall provide secondary students the opportunity for noncurriculum-related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees.~~

~~Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.~~

~~The meetings of student groups cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.~~

~~The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish the length of sessions, number of sessions per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary for the orderly conducting of noncurriculum-related to student groups.~~

~~The District retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.~~

Legal Footnotes

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Legal References

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