

NEW HOPE- SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

No. 122-AR-0

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 Board.

The Board will approve and recognize an extracurricular activity organized for a purpose not prohibited by Board policy or by law, if the activity complies with all provisions of Board policy and administrative regulations. Any extracurricular activity that violates Board policy and/or administrative regulations may be subject to losing its right to meet on school premises.

Extracurricular activities refers to programs, which may include athletic activities and curriculum-related student groups, that are sponsored or approved by the Board, are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

An athletic activity shall mean all of the following:

- 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.**

Curriculum-related student group shall mean any student group that directly relates to the body of courses offered by the district.

Classification

The building principal will determine whether an extracurricular activity is curriculum-related. Considerations may include:

- 1. If the subject matter of the student group's activity must be taught or will be taught in a regularly scheduled course.**
- 2. If the subject matter of the student group's activity must concern the body of planned instruction as a whole.**
- 3. If the participation in the student group's activity is a course requirement.**
- 4. If academic credit is earned for participation in the student group's activity.**

If the building principal is unable to make such a determination, they will notify appropriate district-level administrators who in turn may consult with the district solicitor, as necessary.

If the determination is made that the student group's activities are not curriculum-related, the building principal and/or administration will refer to Policy 122.1: Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups.

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 district to ensure that the extracurricular activities are aligned with the district's objectives. All such faculty advisors must teach a subject in the district whose content is related to extracurricular activities, or have sufficient experience or expertise related to that subject, as determined by the administration.

Extracurricular Activity Registration

Students or staff requesting to form an extracurricular activity must apply in writing to the building principal for approval. 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.

District Authority

The Superintendent, building principal 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 or events of extracurricular activities must be submitted on the district form to the building principal or designee at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Presence of Faculty Advisors

To ensure appropriate levels of safety, the district requires the presence of a faculty advisor for all meetings and events of extracurricular activities. If an extracurricular activity is unable to secure a faculty advisor, the district will ensure that one is provided.

Dissemination of Policy/Regulations

Board policies are accessible on the district's publicly available website. In addition, copies of pertinent Board policy and administrative regulations will be made available to students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators during regular business hours in the building principal's office.

A copy of pertinent Board 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 Board policy and administrative regulations.

Nondiscrimination

All extracurricular activities will be open to all students without discrimination, subject only to those qualifications necessary to fulfill the specified objectives of the activity consistent with eligibility standards. (Pol. 103, 103.1)

Equal Treatment

The provisions of this administrative regulation will be applied equally to all extracurricular activities as required by law.