

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5500 School Sponsored and Extracurricular Activities

5507 *Extracurricular Activities*

A. General Purpose

The Board is committed to providing equal opportunity to compete in extracurricular activities for both boys and girls and directs its Superintendent and administration to recommend programs that will meet this goal.

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, non curricular 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. Academic eligibility requirements established by the District for athletic participation shall not be more stringent than those established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

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 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 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, as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee will assign activity advisors. Advisors serve at the will of the Superintendent, who may remove an activity advisor 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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