

2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (M)

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The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of pupils, and to enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for pupils in grades 9 through 12. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils, except that pupils may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and pupils may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board and do not include athletic competitions and practices. Co-curricular activities must be related to the curriculum but are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Superintendent.

Pupils shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all pupils who voluntarily elect to participate except that where eligibility requirements specific to an organization are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of such eligibility standards before they may be operable.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.

Good Disciplinary Standing

Good disciplinary standing shall mean that a pupil is not eligible to participate while serving a suspension.



POLICY

When a pupil already participating in an extracurricular activity is reported for an infraction of the rules for public conduct, the Principal shall review the matter with the appropriate school personnel and determine the pupil's eligibility.

Attendance

The district's attendance policy shall also apply.

Notwithstanding these standards, a pupil who has commenced preparation for participation in a public performance of a concert, recital, drama, debate or the like may be permitted to continue to participate until the pupil has completed the performance.

Pupil Activities

When a pupil is participating in any school sponsored activity, the pupil must be under the direct supervision of a teacher, coach or advisor. A pupil on suspension may not participate in extracurricular activities during the time of suspension. A pupil who is absent from school or is not in school a minimum of four hours may not participate in extracurricular activities on the day of absence without the written permission of the Principal.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.

39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2; 18A:42-5

N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.10

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