

2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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 students, and to enable students 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 students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at a fee to be set by the Board of Education annually and students may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and students will 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 students 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.

The Board expressly declines to create a limited open forum for activities initiated by students. Accordingly, a group of students who wish to meet on school premises shall apply to the Building Principal for permission to meet and must demonstrate to the Principal the relationship of their meeting to the curriculum. The Principal shall permit only those meetings that relate specifically to the curriculum.

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



Students 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 students 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.

A student in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 is ineligible for participation in co-curricular activities if he/she has:

1. Demonstrated unsatisfactory attendance by receiving a warning notice of unsatisfactory attendance;
2. Failed to maintain an average grade of 74 for grades 5-6, satisfactory performance in grades K-4;
3. Failed a course required for promotion or graduation in the preceding semester; or
4. Received a notice of warning of failure in a course required for promotion or graduation in the current semester.
5. Good disciplinary standing.
 1. When a pupil already participating in an co-curricular activity is reported for an infraction of the rules for the code of conduct, (Policy 5600) inclusive of HIB Policy 5512, the Principal shall consider whether the pupil shall be removed from any or all co-curricular activities.
 2. If a pupil was not in good disciplinary standing due to an infraction of the rules for the code of conduct (Policy 5600) inclusive of violations of HIB Policy 5512 the previous quarter, or school year the Principal shall determine whether the pupil shall be permitted to participate during the current or future quarter or school year.



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Notwithstanding these standards, a student who has commenced preparation for participation in a public performance of a concert, recital, drama, debate or the like may, at the discretion of the building principal, continue to participate until the student has completed the performance.

No student who has been absent for a school day may participate in a co-curricular activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the students 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

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