

Policy

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program.

The purpose of extracurricular activities shall be:

- A. To develop useful new capabilities in pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid pupils in the social skills;
- E. To enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" shall be those activities that are sponsored or approved by the board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and shall ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations, and intramural and interscholastic sports.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The Chief School Administrator shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district;
- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;
- D. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff;
- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

The guidance goal for each pupil shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents/guardians and the pupil. Guidance is necessary to encourage non-participants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance.

Only persons in the employ of the Board of Education shall be permitted to organize district pupils during school time or during any recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

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No activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board of Education on recommendation of the Chief School Administrator.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, place of residence within the district, social or economic status, or non-applicable disability.

Good Disciplinary Standing

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

Good Academic Standing

Academic standards for participation in athletics shall be those established by the NJSIAA rules and such other regulations as shall be established by the Board of Education from time to time.

Implementation

The Chief School Administrator shall direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extra-curricular programs and their operation comply with district equity requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the Chief School Administrator's discretion.

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Monitored:

Indicator 8.1

Mandated:

20 U.S.C.A. § 4071 - 4074, the Equal Access Act, mandates district policy on equal access for high school students to a limited open forum. Applies only to districts with a high school. Boards with secondary schools should consult the board attorney regarding their responsibilities under the federal equal access law.

Other Reasons:

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.2(d)2 refers to co-curricular or extracurricular activities as one of several possible structured learning experiences that fulfill the requirement for career awareness and exploration described in the Core Curriculum Content Standards