

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

INSTRUCTION

Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities

Student activities shall be considered an essential component of the District instructional program. However, such activities shall not take precedence over the instructional program.

The Superintendent shall submit a list of recommended student activities to the School Board for approval. Student participation in School Board approved student activities shall be contingent upon the following requirements:

1. Membership is limited to students currently enrolled in the District for at least 50% of the school day. Students from private schools, home schooled or other nontraditional education programs may participate under this requirement.
2. Membership shall not be limited because of the student's race, sex, creed or color.
3. When appropriate, membership and participation shall be subject to the specific by-laws of an organization. In the case of competitive events, selection of team members or participants shall be left to the discretion of the sponsors or coaches as long as the selection criteria conforms to the District's student academic and conduct standards and such other rules and regulations that may apply.
4. The student shall maintain the academic standards set forth in the District's Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
5. The student shall maintain the standards set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.
6. Written permission must be given by the parents/guardians for the student's participation, giving the District full waiver of responsibility of the risks involved.
7. A physical examination of the student must be given by a physician and an accompanying written statement assuring that the student's health status allows for active athletic participation shall be submitted to the District.

8. The student must show proof of accident insurance coverage - either by a policy purchased through the district's school insurance plan or a parent/guardian statement to the effect that the student is covered under a family insurance plan.
9. The student must also sign the Random Student Drug Testing Form to be able to participate or practice in an activity that is considered to be an extra-curricular activity by the School Board.
10. Student participation in activities is also subject to other standards for participation as may be determined by the School Board.

Any student who cannot maintain the standards for participation listed above shall be considered ineligible to participate in student activities. The Building Principal shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a list of ineligible students and shall see that the standards for participation are enforced.

Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities

The School Board encourages student participation in teacher supervised activities complimentary to the basic school program. Such activities shall be approved by the Building Principal subject to the following guidelines:

1. Appropriate activities may include, but are not necessarily limited to, field trips, individual or group projects, individual participation in appropriate organizations and events. Before approval, the Principal shall determine that there is enough student interest to support consideration and that a teacher-supervisor is available to supervise training and/or participation. If the activity involves responsibility, time and effort to the extent that a salary increment should be considered, the Principal shall submit a request to the Superintendent for referral to the School Board for approval on an annual basis.
2. Such activities may take place within the school or in the community. Subject to approval by the Superintendent such activities may involve travel outside the District.
3. If an approved, teacher-supervised activity other than a field trip involves travel outside the District:
 - a. Any necessary expenses for transportation, food or lodging shall be paid by the students involved except for the expenses for the supervising teacher which shall be paid by the District.

- b. In the event that the transportation of students involved can be satisfied by the transportation provided for the supervising teacher, the students will not be charged for that transportation (District-owned, private or rented vehicle).
 - c. Financial support of any activity authorized in this policy shall be subject to budget limitations or any other applicable criteria as may be determined by the School Board.
4. Transportation, necessary meals and lodging will generally be paid by the District for groups engaging in any kind of co-curricular/extra-curricular competition at the State level. For any competition event below the State level, the District will provide transportation only and students will be responsible for any necessary meals or other expenses.

Interscholastic Activities

Students shall be provided the opportunity to participate in available interscholastic activities, complimentary to the basic school program. Entry fees for approved activities will be paid by the District.

1. A program of interscholastic athletics shall be provided as an outgrowth of the physical education program. Athletic teams shall be developed and interschool contests shall be conducted with proper consideration for the age, physical fitness, needs and interests of all eligible participants.
2. Other interscholastic competition is encouraged to the extent that student interest supports consideration and that qualified teaching staff is available to supervise training and participation.
3. All interscholastic programs must be approved by the School Board. Application for such approval must be made by the Building Principal to the Superintendent who shall make a recommendation to the Board. Such application shall include a report of student interest, staff availability, estimated costs and any other evidence to support the feasibility of the suggested program.
4. Transportation, necessary meals and lodging will generally be paid by the District for groups engaging in any kind of interscholastic competition at the State level. For any competition event below the State level, the District will provide transportation only and students will be responsible for any necessary meals or other expenses.

5. Interscholastic competition beyond the State level may be authorized by Board approval upon the Superintendent's recommendation at no expense to the District.

Student Government

Participation in an elected representative student government is an important experience for future voters in a democracy. Students can benefit from participation in the decision-making process regarding matters within their understanding and concern.

The School Board endorses such activities and hopes that the staff will exhibit a genuine commitment to making them a working part of the educational experience.

CROSS REF.: 4.170, 7.240, 7.300, 7.330 (student use of school buildings)

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