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Purpose

The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as enriching the educational experience, building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, promoting civic engagement and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of teamwork, leadership and good citizenship.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, **extracurricular activities** refers to programs, **which may include athletic activities and curriculum-related student groups**, that are sponsored or approved by the Board, are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. Including field trips, dances, proms, etc. sponsored by Booster Clubs and PTO's.

For purposes of this policy, an **athletic activity** shall mean all of the following:[1][2]

1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the school, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations.
2. ~~Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the school.~~
3. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

Curriculum-related student group - any student group that directly relates to the body of courses offered by the district.[3]

Authority

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance **with applicable** laws, regulations and Board policies.[4][5][6][7]

Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been

{x } approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

{ } approved by the Superintendent and reported to the Board for its review.

{ } approved by the Superintendent upon recommendation of the building principal.

The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:

1. Any extracurricular activities, athletic activities, PIAA programs shall be community funded for a period of (3) years prior to the receipt of District funding.
2. {x } The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.[8]
3. {x } Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.

Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall determine the standards for eligibility to be met by all students participating in an extracurricular activity.[4][9]

The Board directs that no student may participate in extracurricular activities who has not:

1. {x } Met the requirements for academic eligibility.[4]
2. {x } Complied with the requirements of applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.[10][11][12]
3. {x } Attended school regularly.[13] Absence will be excused with approval by the principal.
4. {x } Been in attendance on the day of the activity, event or practice for the hours required.
5. {x } Returned all school equipment previously used as directed.
6. {x } Adhered to other applicable conduct standards.

Off-Campus Activities

Student conduct that occurs off school property or during nonschool hours shall be addressed in accordance with the provisions of the student discipline policy regarding on and off-campus activities.[12][14]

Delegation of Responsibility

Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgment of receipt and review of the following:[2][10][11][15]

1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet, that includes information about electrocardiogram testing.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement the extracurricular activities program.

Guidelines

Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:

1. {x } Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.
2. {x } Invites the participation of parents/guardians and the community in developing extracurricular **activities**.
3. {x } Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.
4. {x } Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
5. {x } Guards against exploitation of students.
6. {x } Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
7. {x } Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
8. {x } Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students, without discrimination, and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.^{[16][17]}

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Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 5322](#)

[2. 24 P.S. 1425](#)

3. Board of Education of Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990)

[4. 24 P.S. 511](#)

5. Pol. 103

6. Pol. 103.1

7. Pol. 122.1

8. Pol. 110

[9. 22 PA Code 12.3](#)

10. Pol. 123.1

11. Pol. 123.2

12. Pol. 218

13. Pol. 204

14. Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L., 594 U.S. 180 (2021)

[15. 24 P.S. 5323](#)

[16. 22 PA Code 12.1](#)

[17. 22 PA Code 12.4](#)

[24 P.S. 5321 et seq](#)

