

COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The purpose of education is to develop the whole person of the student. For this reason an educational program must embody, as an essential element, activities that involve students beyond the classroom and foster the values that result from interaction and united effort. Such activities form a logical extension of the required and general curriculum and the elective or special curriculum.

The Board has established the criteria for cocurricular and extracurricular activities consistent with its philosophy of, and goals for, education. All student activity programs must:

1. have educational value for students;
2. be in balance with other curricular offerings in the schools and be supportive of, and never in competition with, the academic program and
3. be managed in a professional manner.

The Board may require that students pay reasonable fees to participate in cocurricular and extracurricular activities.

The following guidelines govern the student activity programs.

1. Student activities are those school-sponsored activities that are voluntarily engaged in by students, have the approval of the school administration and do not carry credit toward promotion or graduation.
2. Each school, under the direction of the principal and professional staff, has a student activity program designed to stimulate student growth and development by supplementing and enriching the curricular activities. All receipts and expenditures are accounted for through the activity account.
3. Each activity should be designed to contribute directly to the educational, civic, social and ethical development of the students involved.
4. The student activity program receives the same attention in terms of philosophy, objectives, social setting, organization and evaluation as that given the regular school curriculum.
5. Each school develops written guidelines and procedures regulating the creation, organization, administration and dissolution of student activity programs. The Superintendent reports annually to the Board the general purposes, plans and financial status of the cocurricular and extracurricular programs of the District.

6. The expenses involved in participating in any school activity and in the total program for a school year should be set so that a majority of the students may participate without financial strain. Special consideration may be given in cases in which the expense of participating would result in exclusion.
7. Activities must be open to all students, regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, religion, sex, economic status, age, disability or military status.
8. Activities must not place undue burdens upon students, teachers or schools.
9. Activities should not interfere with regularly scheduled classes. This limitation often requires conducting such activities beyond the regular school day, if possible.
10. Activities at any level should be unique, not duplications of others already in operation.
11. Students participating in cocurricular and extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate responsible behavior and good conduct. The Board encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship in all phases of the educational process, including athletics and all other cocurricular and extracurricular activities.
12. Students suspended and expelled from school are banned from extracurricular activities. Students may also be suspended from extracurricular activities for violations of the Student Code of Conduct or the code of conduct of the particular activity in which they participate. Students absent from school are not permitted to participate in extracurricular activities on that date.
13. Annually, the Board directs the Superintendent/designee to identify supplemental contract positions that supervise, direct or coach a student activity program that involves athletic, routine/regular physical activity or health and safety considerations. Upon the identification of the position, the individual must complete the requirements established by the Ohio Department of Education and State law.
14. Students may be expelled for up to one year for firearm-related or knife-related incidents occurring off school property while at an interscholastic competition, extracurricular event or other school-sponsored activity.
15. Students may be removed from extracurricular activities when their presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption. If a student is removed from extracurricular activities, such removal may include all extracurricular activities in which the student is involved.

16. Students in grades 7-12 enrolled in District-sponsored community schools are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant. The Board may require the community school student to enroll in and participate in no more than one academic course in the District as a condition for participation.
17. Resident students attending STEM schools are not prohibited from participating in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.
18. Resident students attending a nonpublic school are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school to which the student would be assigned if the nonpublic school the student is enrolled in does not offer the extracurricular activity. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.
19. Resident students receiving home instruction in accordance with State law are permitted to participate in the District's extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

A student attending a nonpublic school who is not entitled to attend school in the District may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the District. The activity must be one that the nonpublic school the student is enrolled in does not offer and may not be interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics.

A student receiving home instruction in accordance with State law who is not entitled to attend school in the District may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the District. The activity must be one that the district the student is entitled to attend does not offer.

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CROSS REFS.: AFI, Evaluation of Educational Resources
DJ, Purchasing
IGDB, Student Publications
IGDC, Student Social Events
IGDF, Student Fundraising Activities
IGDG, Student Activities Funds Management
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics
IGDK, Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility
JECBC, Admission of Students from Nonchartered or Home Schooling
JED, Student Absences and Excuses
JGD, Student Suspension
JGDA, Emergency Removal of Student
JGE, Student Expulsion
JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges
KGB, Public Conduct on District Property
KK, Visitors to the Schools
Student Handbooks

THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY