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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 are permitted to participate in interscholastic or other extracurricular activities on days they are absent for approved religious expression days.** Students absent from school **for other reasons may not be** 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 **State Board** 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. Resident students enrolled in community schools 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.
17. Resident students attending STEM and STEAM schools 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.
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 education 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 nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.
20. **Nonresident students may be authorized by the Superintendent to participate in an interscholastic athletic program offered by a school of the District if the student is a home educated student; a student attending a nonpublic, community, STEM or STEAM school or a student otherwise enrolled in another district and the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee or volunteer, or by another student from the district or school where the student is enrolled or participating in athletics:**

A. Harassment, intimidation or bullying, as defined by Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.666.

B. A qualifying offense for which the school official, employee, volunteer or another student has been charged with, indicted for, convicted of or pled guilty to committing or is alleged to be or is adjudicated as a delinquent child for committing. A qualifying offense is defined as an offense or attempt to commit an offense of violence or a violation of RC 2907.07.

C. Conduct by a school official, employee or volunteer that violates the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators.

A student attending a nonpublic, community, STEM or STEAM school or otherwise enrolled in another district who meets these criteria 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 home educated student who meets these criteria must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

Legal References

ORC 2907.07
 ORC 3313.537
 ORC 3313.5311
 ORC 3313.5312
 ORC 3313.5313
 ORC 3313.5314
 ORC 3313.58
 ORC 3313.59
 ORC 3313.6611
 ORC 3313.664
 ORC 3313.666
 ORC 3315.062
 ORC 3319.16
 ORC 3321.042
 ORC Chapter 4112
 OAC 3301-27-01
 OAC 3301-35-06

Cross References

AFI - Evaluation of Educational Resources
 DJ - Purchasing
 IGCH (Also LEC) - College Credit Plus
 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 Non-Chartered or Home Education
 JED - Student Absences and Excuses
 JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools
 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

NOTE: House Bill (HB) 147 (2024) added a new provision to Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.5313 to allow the Superintendent or chief administrative officer of a school to permit a home educated student, a student enrolled in a community school, STEM or STEAM school or nonpublic school or a student enrolled in a different district to participate in interscholastic athletics if they were subject to certain conduct or qualifying offenses, even if the district is not the student's district of residence.

Districts are required to allow resident students enrolled in community schools (HB 487 (2014)), STEM and STEAM schools to participate in the District's extracurricular activities.

HB 59, effective September 29, 2013, requires districts to allow resident students who are receiving home education to participate in extracurricular activities at the school to which they would be assigned. Districts are also required to allow resident students attending a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school to participate in extracurricular activities in the school to which the student would be assigned if the activity is one that the nonpublic school they are enrolled in does not offer. Resident nonpublic students participating under these provisions must be of the appropriate grade and age level as determined by the Superintendent and must meet the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other student. Districts are prohibited from imposing additional rules or fees on a student participating under these provisions that are not applied to other students participating in the same program.

Senate Bill (SB) 3 (2016) added RC 3313.5314 stating that students attending the District or nonpublic school, community school, STEM and STEAM school students, or students receiving home education, otherwise eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the District cannot be denied the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities in the District solely because of their participation in CCP. Students still must meet the District eligibility requirements.

Districts may allow nonpublic, community, STEM and STEAM school students who are not eligible to enroll in the District the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity operated by a school of the District if the activity is one the school the student is enrolled in does not offer, and the activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic competitions in music, drama or forensics. The Superintendent may also allow a student receiving home education not eligible to enroll in the District to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by one of the schools if it is an activity the district in which they are eligible to enroll does not offer.

SB 3 (2016) also allows the superintendent to allow a nonresident student attending a nonpublic school located in the District the ability to participate in an activity that is interscholastic athletics or interscholastic competitions in music, drama or forensics provided certain criteria are met.

School districts must count – up to 24 hours per school year as excused absences – time that a student is absent from school for the sole purpose of traveling out of state to participate in a Board-approved enrichment activity or an extracurricular activity. The student is required to make up all missed classroom assignments.

In addition, if the student will be out of the state for 24 or more consecutive school hours for a Board-approved enrichment or extracurricular activity, a classroom teacher employed by the Board must accompany the student to provide instructional assistance.

HB 123 (2021) permits, but does not require districts to designate a student-led violence prevention club for each building serving grades six-12. If a club is created it must: be open to all members of the student body; have at least one identified adult advisor; implement and sustain suicide and violence prevention and social inclusion training and awareness activities; and foster opportunities for student leadership development.

For boards developing policy without the assistance of an OSBA consultant, this category is useful for general policy on student activities and for establishing definitions.

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