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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 building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship. [\[1\]](#)

### **Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, an **extracurricular activity** shall mean those activities that are sponsored or approved by the District and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. [\[2\]](#)

For purposes of this policy, an **athletic activity** shall mean all of the following: [\[3\]](#)

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.

### **Academic Eligibility**

#### Middle School

If a student fails two (2) major subjects or one (1) major and two (2) minors, s/he will be ineligible to participate in contests and/or performances. In addition, said student will be required to attend tutoring sessions at least three (3) days per week until passing grades are achieved.

#### Senior High

If a student fails one or more major subjects that meet daily, s/he will be required to attend tutoring sessions at least two (2) times per week per subject until a passing grade is achieved in each subject. As long as said student is attending two (2) tutoring sessions per week and submits required verification on a timely manner, s/he may participate in the week's contests and/or performances. If the number of subjects failed during any given week reaches three (3), the student is automatically ineligible to participate until passing grades are achieved.

### **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 the Equal Access Act. [1][4][5]

As a condition of participating in an extracurricular activity a student shall be required to pay a student activity fee ~~(activities requiring an activity fee are defined in policy 122.1).~~

For students in grades seven through twelve (7-12), the activity fee shall be paid once per school year and shall be applied only once per student regardless of the number of extracurricular activities in which the student participates during the school year. [6]

For students in grade six (6), the activity fee, reduced by 50%, shall be paid at least once per school year and shall be applied to each additional extracurricular activity in which the student participates during the school year. The student will only be responsible for paying the reduced activity fee for up to a maximum of two activities.

Athletic facilities will be made available by the **Extracurricular** Director **of Athletics** for any interscholastic contest; intramural contest, practice sessions or other after-school activities by prearranged schedule changes in such schedule may be approved by the Director with the agreement of both parties involved in any exchange of time allotment.

### **Off-Campus Activities**

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist: [7]

1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via District furnished transportation.
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the ~~acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Concussion and~~

~~Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet~~ [PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form, which includes a section related to Understanding of Risk of Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury.](#)[9][10]

A student participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity and the student's parent or guardian shall, each school year and prior to participation by the student in an athletic activity, sign and return an acknowledgment of receipt and review of a sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and warning signs information sheet." (24 P.S. 5333).

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement the extracurricular activities program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.

No new interscholastic sport shall be introduced into the middle school or senior high programs without the specific recommendation of the ~~Extracurricular~~ [Director of Athletics](#) and Superintendent, to the Board, nor until affirmative action has been taken by the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

#### Marching Band and Other Performing Groups

In addition to performing at all football games, the senior high marching band will participate in a limited number of band competitions and parades. In acting on a request for participation in non-regularly scheduled events, the Superintendent or his/her designee will consider the availability of funds budgeted for this purpose.

Other music groups may participate in a limited number of engagements at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

All trips requiring overnight stays must have Board approval.

#### Equal Access Act

The District shall provide secondary students the opportunity for non-curriculum-related student groups to meet on the school premises during non-instructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees.[4]

**Non-instructional time** is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch time.

The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.

The District retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that students at such meetings is on a voluntary basis.

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 511
2. 22 PA Code 12.1
3. 24 P.S. 5322
4. 20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq
5. Pol. 103
6. Pol. 122.1
7. Pol. 218
9. Pol. 123.2
10. 24 P.S. 5323
- 22 PA Code 12.4
- 24 P.S. 5321 et seq
- Pol. 000
- Pol. 110

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