

2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (M)

The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of students, and to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students in grades 6 through 12. Students may be required to provide supplies and students may be required to assume all of the costs of travel and attendance to co-curricular activities and competitions. If any additional costs are to be assumed by the Board of Education, they will be supplemental to those funds raised by the attending group and will not be derived from any taxpayer monies (i.e., may come from student activity funds or vending proceeds). The Board of Education may assist in funding fees and registration costs or travel for local competitions. However, the Board will not subsidize any overnight travel.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and do not include interscholastic or intramural athletic competitions and practices (Policy #2431). Co-curricular activities must be related to the curriculum.

No group of students, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content at their meeting. No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

Students shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.

Eligibility Standards

A student who wishes to participate in a co-curricular activity must submit, on a form provided by the district, the signed consent of his/her parent~~(s) or legal guardian(s)~~.

The Board will not allow students who reside in this district and who are not enrolled in the public school to participate in co-curricular activities.



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Student participation in co-curricular and intramural activities and competition shall be governed by the following eligibility standards:

Secondary grades only

1. A student in grade 10, 11, or 12 who in the previous school year (including make-up credits from summer school) earned twenty-five percent (30 credits) of the total number of credits required by the State for graduation is eligible for participation in activities in the fall and winter seasons. A 9th grade student who wishes to participate in spring activities must also conform to these standards. A student in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 who in the fall semester earned twelve and one-half percent (15 credits) of the total number of credits required by the State for graduation is eligible for participation in activities in the spring season. A student who is eligible at the start of a activity season remains eligible for that entire activities season regardless of his/her grades at the end of a marking period.

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- ~~2.~~ A student in any grade who fails to demonstrate good citizenship or observe school rules for student conduct may forfeit his/her eligibility for participation in co-curricular activity participation or competition.

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3. All other eligibility requirement for participation shall be in accordance with the school handbook.

Notice of these eligibility requirements shall be given to students.

Regardless of health, all students shall be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities.

All individuals attending co-curricular activities and competitions shall be held to Policy #9150 – School Visitors and Policy # 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events. The District does not authorize live streaming within the schools or at school events without the prior approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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