

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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 classroom curricular program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility, to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of pupils, and to enable pupils 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 pupils in grades 7 and 8. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board and do not include athletic competitions and practices. Co-curricular activities are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day. 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.

The Board expressly declines to create a limited open forum for activities initiated by pupils. Accordingly, a group of pupils who wish to meet on school premises shall apply to the building principal for permission to meet and must demonstrate to the principal the relationship of their meeting to the curriculum. The principal shall permit only those meetings that relate specifically to the curriculum.

A pupil in grades 7 or 8 is ineligible for participation in co-curricular activities if he or she has

1. Demonstrated unsatisfactory attendance by receiving a warning notice of unsatisfactory attendance, or
2. Failed to maintain a major course required for promotion or graduation in the preceding marking period.

Notwithstanding these standards, a pupil who has commenced preparation for participation in a public performance of a concert, recital, drama, debate or the like may continue to participate until the pupil has completed the performance.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Continued)

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