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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 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. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils, except that pupils may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and pupils may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

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 must be related to the curriculum but are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

The Board may permit the use of school facilities by organizations of pupils during pupil activity periods. No group of pupils, 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 of the speech 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 Superintendent.

Pupils shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all pupils who voluntarily elect to participate.

In order to be eligible to participate, a pupil must maintain satisfactory academic progress that reflects effort based upon ability.

In order to participate in a club or activity:

1. The Pupil is expected to maintain an academic average of "C" or better. Any pupil with two or more "D"s' or one "F" in any subject (Fall sports refer to last marking period grades of the previous year) may not participate in clubs or activities.
2. A pupil may regain eligibility to participate if all affected teachers indicate improvement to at least a "C" level at the midpoint or the end of the marking period.
3. In exceptional cases, pupils will be given consideration for participation in clubs or activities if, in the judgment of the teachers, a school counselor,

Principal, pupil, and parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) there is an indication of acceptable academic achievement. If determined appropriate by the above persons, a performance contract will be initiated and monitored by the school counselor setting specific goals for academic achievement to be maintained. (This may only cover a maximum of two subject areas).

4. A pupil must be present for a half session (3.25 hours) during the school day in order to participate in after school activities.
5. All interscholastic athletes must ride the school bus to and from all away games. The only exception to this expectation is in a case of emergency and must be approved by the head coach.

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.

39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2; 18A:42-5

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