

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 which involve students beyond the classroom and foster the values which 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 activity programs must meet these criteria.

1. Student activities must have educational value for students.
2. Student activities must be in balance with other curricular offerings in the schools and be supportive of, and never in competition with, the academic program.
3. Student activities must 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-approved activities which 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 which is 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 or disability.
8. Activities must not place undue burdens upon students, teachers or schools.
9. Activities do not interfere with regularly scheduled classes. This limitation often requires conducting such activities beyond the regular school day.
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 Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct of the particular activity in which they participate. Students absent from school are not 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 which involves athletic, routine/regular physical activity or health and safety consideration. Upon the identification of the position, the individual must complete the requirements established by the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio law and the Ohio Administrative Code.
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.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.58; 3313.59; 3313.664; 3315.062
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CROSS REFS.: DJ Purchasing
 IGDB, Student Publications
 IGDC, Student Social Events
 IGDF, Student Fund-Raising Activities
 IGDG, Student Activities Funds Management
 IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics
 IGDK, Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility
 JECBD, Admission of Students from Nonchartered or Home Schooling
 JFC, Student Code of Conduct
 JGD, Student Suspension
 JGDA, Emergency Removal of Student
 JGE, Student Expulsion
 JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations
 KGB, Public Conduct on District Property
 KK, Visitors to the Schools