

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 that involve students beyond the classroom and foster the values which result from interaction and united effort. Such activities are a logical extension of the required and general curriculum and the elective or special curriculum.

All activity programs must meet the following 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 following guidelines govern the student activity programs.

1. Student activities are those school-sponsored 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 a student activity fund.
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. The District develops written guidelines and procedure regulating the creation, organization, administration and dissolution of student activity programs.

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.
7. Activities must be open to all students, regardless of race, color, national origin, 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 suspended and expelled from school are excluded 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 with an unexcused absence from school are not permitted to participate in extracurricular activities on that date.
12. Annually, the Board directs the Chief Executive Officer/designee to identify supplemental contract positions that supervise, direct or coach a student activity program which involves athletic, the routine/regular physical activity or health and safety considerations. Upon identification of the position, the individual must complete the requirements established by the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio law and the Ohio Administrative Code.
13. A student 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.
14. A student may be removed from extracurricular activities when the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption in such setting. If a student is removed from extracurricular activities, such removal

may include all extracurricular activities in which the student is involved.

This policy shall be posted in a central location of each school building and shall be made available to students upon request.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

ORC 3313.58; 3313.59; 3313.664; 3315.062
OAC 3301-35-02; 3301-35-03

CROSS REFERENCES

DJ, Purchasing
IGDB, Student Publication
IGDC, Student Social Events
IGDF, Student Fund-Raising Activities
IGDG, Student Activities Funds Management
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics
IGDK, Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility
JECBC, Admission of Students from Nonchartered or Home Schooling
JG, Student Discipline
JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations

NOTE: THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY