

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors believes that student activities at school are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skills. The Board believes that school citizenship, as reflected in student activities, is a measure of the achievement of important school goals. The Board recognizes that the greatest values to be derived from both curricular and extracurricular student school activities occur when such activities are developed and encouraged through participation among, or the knowledge of, the student body, interested members in the community, and school staff.

The Board further believes that any program of student activities should:

- A. Require all student participation to be on a voluntary basis;
- B. Require that student activity funds should be used for purposes which benefit the student body of the school;
- C. Require that the management of student activity funds be the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer with assistance from school system administration; and
- D. Permit the formation of student clubs, and other student groups organized to promote or pursue specialized athletic, social service, and social activities.

School-Sponsored Activities

Each year the Board shall sponsor extracurricular activities recommended by the Executive Director. It will provide facilities and equipment, when and as appropriate, and arrange for advisors to supervise the planning and conduct of the activities. Advisors will be recommended to the Board for approval.

The Executive Director shall ensure that the planning, conduct, and evaluation of all extracurricular activities are in compliance with equal opportunity law and Board policies. Students are to be informed of all extracurricular activities and the requirements for participation.

Professional staff members may be employed as advisors by means of a supplemental contract based on the recommendation of the Executive Director and subject to the approval of the Board.

School-Sanctioned Activities

In addition to extracurricular activities it sponsors, the Board may, from time to time, choose to permit certain activities which are not part of the regular extracurricular program of the School but which can benefit those students who wish to participate. Although permitting an activity, the Board:

- A. Will not assume any responsibility for its planning, conduct, or evaluation;
- B. Will not provide any funds or other resources;

The Board may make facilities available in accordance with its policy governing the use of school facilities.

No organization may use the name of the School or any other name which would associate the activity with the School without the consent of the Board. Requests for such consent must be submitted to the Executive Director and receive his/her recommendation prior to consideration by the Board.

Loss of Instructional Time

Approved student activities that require the loss of instructional time shall be kept to a minimum. School personnel shall not schedule activities at times that interfere with classroom instruction unless it is reasonably necessary. The Executive Director or designee may approve such activities if in his/her judgment:

- A. The benefits of the activity cannot be obtained within the scheduled instructional program.
- B. The activity contributes to the development of important skills or interests of the students involved.
- C. The total length of time does not impair the curricular achievement of the students involved.
- D. The students are given the opportunity and the responsibility for making up work.
- E. The experiences cannot be obtained outside of regular school hours.

The Executive Director or designee shall review and may approve requests for student participation in activities scheduled during the school day by organizations and agencies other than those of the Board. Consideration shall be given to the activity as it relates to the learning experiences of students.

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3301.60, the School shall facilitate the opportunity for students who are children of military families who have transferred from another state (the “sending state”) to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent they are otherwise qualified.

“Extracurricular Activity” Defined

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3313.537, an “extracurricular activity” is a student activity program that the School operates which is not included as a graded course of study, including an interscholastic extracurricular activity that the School sponsors or participates in and that has participants from more than one school.

Foreign Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics

Any student from a country or province outside the United States, who attends the School, shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics at that School on the same basis as students who are residents of Ohio, so long as the student holds an F-1 visa issued by the U.S. Department of State. Such a student shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely because the student’s parents do not reside in this state

Transfer Students

The same rules for participation in interscholastic athletics shall apply to students transferring into the School, regardless of the whether the student is transferring from a public or non-public school.

LEGAL REFS.: O.R.C. §§3301.60; 3313.53; 3313.5311; 3313.5316; 3313.537

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