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7 **10400 STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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9 10495 Co-Curricular Policy

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11 Student activities are an important part of the total school  
12 curriculum. Student activities provide opportunities for students  
13 to explore areas of interest and skill as well as opportunities to  
14 learn teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, leadership, pride and  
15 fairness. For the purpose of this policy, non-curricular activities  
16 are sponsored or approved by the Board but generally not offered  
17 for credit toward graduation. The Board acknowledges that in  
18 certain limited circumstances activities that would otherwise be  
19 regarded as co-curricular are sometimes offered for credit, such as  
20 the awarding of a physical education credit for participation in a  
21 sports activity. For the purposes of this policy such activity shall  
22 still be regarded as a co-curricular activity even though an  
23 academic credit may be awarded for participation in it.

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25 Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege offered to  
26 students that carries with it the responsibility of good behavior.  
27 Students have no absolute rights or property interest in  
28 participation in co-curricular activities. This policy is intended to  
29 provide a general outline and code for the manner in which  
30 discipline and eligibility will be handled. The student is reminded  
31 that this co-curricular policy does not stand alone. Other District  
32 policy sections also relate to student conduct such as the Student  
33 Search Policy, the Discipline Policy and the Transportation Policy.

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35 This policy will govern behavior, eligibility and circumstances  
36 for events that occur during school or school related activity, off  
37 school grounds at a school activity function or event, on school  
38 provided transportation and during hours a co-curricular activity  
39 is taking place including overnight trips. Additionally, this policy  
40 may apply outside of school property or school related activities if  
41 there is misconduct that has a direct and immediate tendency to  
42 influence the conduct of other people while involved in co-  
43 curricular activities, to set naught the proper discipline of the  
44 school, or to impair the authority of the District's employees.  
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4 The following separate and distinct co-curricular rules and  
5 regulations are promulgated by the Board as follows:  
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- 7 1. The use and/or possession of illegal drugs or alcoholic  
8 beverages by a student shall result in the exclusion from all co-  
9 curricular activities until the receipt of the official Hearing  
10 Officer's Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.  
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- 12 2. The use and/or possession of tobacco by a student shall result  
13 in the exclusion from all co-curricular activities for a minimum  
14 of ten (10) calendar days.  
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- 16 3. The distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages/drugs or  
17 substances intended to mimic any substance or the possession  
18 of any mechanical device (such as pot pipe, syringe or needle)  
19 capable of utilization for taking by a student of any substance  
20 regarded as controlled or illegal shall result in exclusion from all  
21 co-curricular activities until the official Hearing Officer's  
22 Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.  
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- 24 4. Any student involved in the stealing of school property or the  
25 property of others will result in an exclusion of all co-curricular  
26 activities for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days.  
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- 28 5. A student who has been absent from school during a semester  
29 for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall not be  
30 eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity until the  
31 student has been in attendance for a total of sixty (60) school  
32 days following his or her twentieth (20) day of absence,  
33 excepting absences certified by a physician as due to illness,  
34 injury or quarantine.  
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- 36 6. Students who participate in co-curricular activities must meet  
37 minimum academic requirements to maintain their eligibility.  
38 Students must maintain passing grades in four (4) full time  
39 classes or the equivalency for the nine (9) week grading period  
40 to be eligible. Students not meeting academic standards will be  
41 ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities for 15 days.  
42 At the end of the student's 15 day exclusion, the student's work  
43 will be re-evaluated to determine if she/he is maintaining  
44 passing grades in four (4) full-time classes or there equivalents,  
45 if not, the student's exclusion from co-curricular activities will  
46 be extended an additional 15 days. At that time, the work will  
47 be re-evaluated again. At the end of the school year, student's  
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1 final credits in his/her subjects, rather than his/her credits for  
2 the last grading period, shall be used to determine his/her  
3 eligibility for the next grading period. The Building  
4 Administrator will notify the parent and the student of his/her  
5 ineligibility.  
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7 7. Any student who engages in unacceptable behavior such as,  
8 but not restricted to, inappropriate language/gestures,  
9 insubordination, hazing, threats, etc., will result in an exclusion  
10 from all co-curricular activities a minimum of ten (10) calendar  
11 days.  
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13 8. Any student who is determined to bring a weapon into any  
14 school property, any school sponsored activity or any public  
15 conveyance providing transportation to a school or school  
16 sponsored activity shall be excluded from all co-curricular  
17 activities until the official Hearing Officer's Hearing Adjudication  
18 Report is approved by the Board.  
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20 "Weapons" are defined but not limited to, any knife, cutting  
21 instrument, cutting tool, nunchaka, firearm, rifle or any other  
22 tool, instrument, or implement capable of inflicting personal  
23 bodily injury.  
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25 9. The club/team/organization, sponsors and/or coaches and/or  
26 advisors, with the approval of the building administrator, may  
27 establish rules that are more stringent than the adopted rules  
28 of the co-curricular policies. Participants and their  
29 parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of these rules.  
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31 10. Permanent removal from an activity shall result in the forfeiture  
32 of awards for recognition in that particular activity.  
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34 **11. Every student who participates in a co-curricular activity**  
35 **shall be required to pay for the cost of participation when**  
36 **applicable. As the sponsor of all co-curricular activities,**  
37 **the District is to be considered the chaperone, sponsor, or**  
38 **similar party for such activities. Accordingly, any**  
39 **incentives or perks that are bestowed upon a chaperone,**  
40 **sponsor, etc. for participation in a co-curricular activity**  
41 **shall be understood to be the property of the District and**  
42 **shall not, for example, be used by a parent as a means to**  
43 **pay for his or her own child's participation in a co-**  
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1                   **curricular activity. The District, at its sole discretion, will**  
2                   **determine how such incentives and perks will be utilized in**  
3                   **order to benefit all of the participants in the co-curricular**  
4                   **activity.**

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6                   The discipline set forth in the above specific rules is intended to  
7                   establish only a minimum discipline. Greater discipline may be  
8                   imposed depending upon the circumstances of the infraction.

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10                  Any student suspended, in-school or out-of-school, or expelled  
11                  from school shall also be automatically suspended or excluded  
12                  from participating in all school or co-curricular activities for the  
13                  duration of the school suspension or expulsion. Students enrolled  
14                  in the alternative education program are not permitted to  
15                  participate in co-curricular activities.

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17                  The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for  
18                  the administration of the co-curricular policy. The Building  
19                  Administrator shall be responsible for the implementation and  
20                  enforcement of the rules and regulations. All schools, through the  
21                  Building Administrator, sponsor, coach, and advisors, shall be  
22                  responsible for informing student participants and  
23                  parents/guardians of the rules and regulations.

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25                  Each school shall notify parents/guardians and students in the  
26                  following manner:

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28                  1. One parent newsletter per year shall include reference to the  
29                  rules and regulations.  
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31                  2. Each sponsor/coach/advisor of a co-curricular activity shall  
32                  inform the student participants at the start of each  
33                  activity/season of the rules and regulations. Also, a copy of the  
34                  rules and regulations shall be sent home with the student  
35                  participants.  
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