

**10400 STUDENT ACTIVITIES****10495 Co-Curricular Policy**

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

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

This policy will govern behavior, eligibility and circumstances for events that occur during school or school related activity, off school grounds at a school activity function or event, on school provided transportation and during hours a co-curricular activity is taking place including overnight trips. Additionally, this policy may apply outside of school property or school related activities if there is misconduct that has a direct and immediate tendency to influence the conduct of other people while involved in co-curricular activities, to set naught the proper discipline of the school, or to impair the authority of the District's employees.

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3 The following separate and distinct co-curricular rules and  
4 regulations are promulgated by the Board as follows:  
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- 6 1. The use and/or possession of illegal drugs or alcoholic  
7 beverages by a student shall result in the exclusion from all co-  
8 curricular activities until the receipt of the official Hearing  
9 Officer's Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.  
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- 11 2. The use and/or possession of tobacco by a student shall result  
12 in the exclusion from all co-curricular activities for a minimum  
13 of ten (10) calendar days.  
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- 15 3. The distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages/drugs or  
16 substances intended to mimic any substance or the possession  
17 of any mechanical device (such as pot pipe, syringe or needle)  
18 capable of utilization for taking by a student of any substance  
19 regarded as controlled or illegal shall result in exclusion from all  
20 co-curricular activities until the official Hearing Officer's  
21 Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.  
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- 23 4. Any student involved in the stealing of school property or the  
24 property of others will result in an exclusion of all co-curricular  
25 activities for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days.  
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- 27 5. A student who has been absent from school during a semester  
28 for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall not be  
29 eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity until the  
30 student has ~~been in attendance for a total of sixty (60) school~~  
31 ~~days following his or her twentieth (20) day of absence~~ **met the**  
32 **prescribed requirements of Section 3 of Article 3 of the**  
33 **PIAA By-Laws**, excepting absences certified by a physician as  
34 due to illness, 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

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3           be extended an additional 15 days. At that time, the work will  
4           be re-evaluated again. At the end of the school year, student's  
5           final credits in his/her subjects, rather than his/her credits for  
6           the last grading period, shall be used to determine his/her  
7           eligibility for the next grading period. The Building  
8           Administrator will notify the parent and the student of his/her  
9           ineligibility.

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11          7. Any student who engages in unacceptable behavior such as,  
12           but not restricted to, inappropriate language/gestures,  
13           insubordination, hazing, threats, etc., will result in an exclusion  
14           from all co-curricular activities a minimum of ten (10) calendar  
15           days.

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17          8. Any student who is determined to bring a weapon into any  
18           school property, any school sponsored activity or any public  
19           conveyance providing transportation to a school or school  
20           sponsored activity shall be excluded from all co-curricular  
21           activities until the official Hearing Officer's Hearing Adjudication  
22           Report is approved by the Board.

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24           -"Weapons" are defined but not limited to, any knife, cutting  
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26           tool, instrument, or implement capable of inflicting personal  
27           bodily injury.

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29          9. The club/team/organization, sponsors and/or coaches and/or  
30           advisors, with the approval of the building administrator, may  
31           establish rules that are more stringent than the adopted rules  
32           of the co-curricular policies. Participants and their  
33           parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of these rules.

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35          10. Permanent removal from an activity shall result in the forfeiture  
36           of awards for recognition in that particular activity.

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38          11. When participation in a co-curricular activity requires that  
39           students pay fees for that activity, with such fees including but  
40           not necessarily being limited to ski lift tickets and entrance fees,  
41           the policy of the District shall be to structure the activity so that  
42           to the greatest extent possible all participating students pay the  
43           same fee. As the sponsor of all co-curricular activities, the  
44           District is to be considered the chaperone, sponsor, or similar  
45           party for such activities. Accordingly, any incentives or perks

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3                   that are bestowed upon a chaperone, sponsor, etc. for  
4                   participation in a co-curricular activity shall be understood to  
5                   be the property of the District and shall not, for example, be  
6                   used by a parent as a means to pay for his or her own child's  
7                   participation in a co-curricular activity. The District, at its sole  
8                   discretion, will determine how such incentives and perks will be  
9                   utilized in order to benefit all of the participants in the co-  
10                  curricular activity.

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12                The discipline set forth in the above specific rules is intended to  
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14                imposed depending upon the circumstances of the infraction.

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16                Any student suspended, in-school or out-of-school, or expelled  
17                from school shall also be automatically suspended or excluded  
18                from participating in all school or co-curricular activities for the  
19                duration of the school suspension or expulsion. Students enrolled  
20                in the alternative education program are not permitted to  
21                participate in co-curricular activities.

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23                The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for  
24                the administration of the co-curricular policy. The Building  
25                Administrator shall be responsible for the implementation and  
26                enforcement of the rules and regulations. All schools, through the  
27                Building Administrator, sponsor, coach, and advisors, shall be  
28                responsible for informing student participants and  
29                parents/guardians of the rules and regulations.

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31                Each school shall notify parents/guardians and students in the  
32                following manner:

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

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