

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

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, which 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, 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 occurring during school or school related **sponsored activity, during the time necessarily spent going to or returning from school or school sponsored activities**, 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 causing a substantial disruption to the operation of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates the conduct is likely to cause a substantial disruption to the operation of the school.

The following separate and distinct co-curricular rules and regulations are promulgated by the Board as follows:

- ~~1. The use and/or possession of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages by a student shall result in the exclusion from all co-curricular activities until the receipt of the official Hearing Officer’s Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.~~
- ~~2. The possession or use of tobacco or a vapor product by a student in violation of Policy 1420 shall result in the exclusion from all co-curricular activities for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days. The definitions of “tobacco” and “vapor product” are contained in Policy 1420 and are incorporated herein by reference.~~

- ~~3. The distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages/drugs or substances intended to mimic any substance or the possession of any mechanical device (such as pot pipe, syringe or needle) capable of utilization for taking by a student of any substance regarded as controlled or illegal shall result in exclusion from all co-curricular activities until the official Hearing Officer's Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.~~
- ~~4. Any student involved in the stealing of school property or the property of others will result in an exclusion of all co-curricular activities for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days.~~
1. **The eligibility of a student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall be governed by Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.** ~~shall not be eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity until the student has met the prescribed requirements of Section 3 of Article 3 of the PIAA By-Laws, excepting absences certified by a physician as due to illness, injury or quarantine.~~
2. If a student is transferred to another school pursuant to Article II, Section 3 of Policy 10102 and for any reason returns to his/her school of origin within the same school year, it is the District's policy that the student shall be ineligible to participate in PIAA athletics, only while the student is at the school of origin, for the remainder of the school year.
3. Students who participate in co-curricular activities must meet minimum academic requirements to maintain their eligibility. ~~For purposes of determining academic eligibility, time periods of ineligibility, and the requirements to re-establish eligibility for co-curricular activities, the District shall adhere to the applicable rules that are promulgated by the PIAA and that are in effect at the time that an eligibility determination is made. A copy of the current PIAA rules are attached to this Policy and are subject to change (if the rules are modified by the PIAA) without the need to amend this Policy.~~ An eligibility report will generally be prepared during each week of the school year which school is in session. An eligibility report will not be prepared during any time school is not in session due to holiday breaks, or otherwise. **If an eligibility report indicates a student is failing any two courses, regardless of the credit value of a course, the student shall be ineligible to participate until such time as a subsequent eligibility report is prepared and establishes that the student is no longer failing two courses.** The ~~Building Administrator~~ **building principal** will notify the parent and the student of his/her **academic** ineligibility.
- ~~8. Unacceptable behavior engaged in by any student, such as, but not restricted to, inappropriate language/gestures, insubordination, hazing, threats, etc., will result in an exclusion from all co-curricular activities a minimum of ten (10) calendar days.~~
- ~~9. Any student who is determined to bring a weapon into any school property, any school sponsored activity or any public conveyance providing transportation to a school or school sponsored activity shall be excluded from all co-curricular~~

~~activities until the official Hearing Officer's Hearing Adjudication Report is approved by the Board.~~

~~"Weapons" are defined but not limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaka, firearm, rifle or any other tool, instrument, or implement capable of inflicting personal bodily injury.~~

- 4. Any student suspended (in-school or out-of-school) or expelled from school shall also be automatically excluded from participating in all school or co-curricular activities for the duration of the school suspension or expulsion. Students placed in an alternative education program are automatically excluded from participating in co-curricular activities for the duration of the alternative education placement. If a student commits a violation, or violations, of the Discipline Code (Policy 10510) not resulting in a suspension (in-school or out-of-school), alternative education placement, or expulsion, the student may be excluded from participating in co-curricular activities for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the building principal. Students conduct will be checked weekly, and the building principal shall notify the parents/guardians and student of any conduct related exclusion from participation.**
5. The club/team/organization, sponsors and/or coaches and/or advisors, with the approval of the building **principal administrator**, may establish rules that are more stringent than the adopted rules of **this policy**. ~~the co-curricular policies.~~ Participants and their parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of these rules.
6. Permanent removal from an activity shall result in the forfeiture of awards for recognition in that particular activity.
7. When participation in a co-curricular activity requires students to pay fees for the activity, with such fees including but not necessarily being limited to ski lift tickets, participation fees, and entrance fees, the policy of the District shall be to structure the activity so that, to the greatest extent possible, all participating students pay the same fee. As the sponsor of all co-curricular activities, the District is to be considered the chaperone, sponsor, or similar party for such activities. Accordingly, any incentives or perks that are bestowed upon a chaperone, sponsor, etc. for participation in a co-curricular activity shall be understood to be the property of the District and shall not, for example, be used by a parent as a means to pay for his or her own child's participation in a co-curricular activity. The District, at its sole discretion, will determine how such incentives and perks will be utilized in order to benefit all of the participants in the co-curricular activity.

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

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1 ~~the alternative education program are not permitted to participate in co-curricular~~
2 ~~activities.~~

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4 The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the administration of
5 **this policy.** ~~the co-curricular policy.~~ The ~~Building Administrator~~ **building principal**
6 shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the rules and
7 regulations. All schools, through the ~~Building Administrator~~ **building principal**,
8 sponsor, coach, and/or advisors, shall be responsible for informing student participants
9 and parents/guardians of the rules and regulations.

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

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13 1. One parent newsletter per year shall include reference to the rules and regulations.
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15 2. Each sponsor/coach/advisor of a co-curricular activity shall inform the student
16 participants at the start of each activity/season of the rules and regulations. Also,
17 a copy of the rules and regulations shall be sent home with the student
18 participants.
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20 3. **The rules and regulations shall be referenced in the applicable Handbook(s).**

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22 **The Superintendent or his/her designee is hereby authorized to develop**
23 **administrative procedures to implement this policy.**

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30 Cross Reference - **Policy 9535; Policy 10102; Policy 10410; Policy**
31 **10465; Policy 1420; Policy 10510**