

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The Regional School Unit #34 Board believes that student activities sponsored by the school department are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means of developing social interactions, as well as knowledge and skills. The Board further recognizes that not all of the district's goals and objectives can be met in formal classroom study. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of the district's facilities, employees and funds to provide student extracurricular activities or groups.

The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools or designee to administer extracurricular activities and groups in keeping with this policy, and to create administrative procedures to further the district's goals.

### **Definitions**

All school-sponsored activities, groups and organizations meeting or occurring during non-instructional time will be referred to as extracurricular. Extracurricular activities shall be considered co-curricular or non-curricular as defined by the following criteria:

#### **Co-curricular**

- The subject matter of the activity or group is or will be taught in a regularly offered class;
- The subject matter of the activity or group concerns the body of courses as a whole;
- Participation in the group or activity is a requirement for a course as outlined in the course syllabus;
- Academic credit is granted for participation.

#### **Non-curricular**

School-sponsored activities or groups primarily involving students and meeting outside of academic class time, are not co-curricular.

Any activity where participation requires financial support not provided by the general fund school budget or requires fund raising or any financial contribution(s) by the participants, parents or booster groups shall be voluntary and thus considered non-curricular.

### **General**

All school-sponsored extracurricular activities must have a duly-appointed sponsor, advisor or coach who is a school employee. Before assuming the duties of a sponsor, advisor or coach, the school must have on file a recent background check as well as all other required employment forms and materials. It shall be the duty of such individuals to attend all meetings, functions, or practices of the various groups, to advise and supervise students, and to keep the building principal informed regarding activities. All school-sponsored extracurricular activities should be included on the school calendar.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

Unless participation is required for an academic course in which the student is enrolled, all students are made aware of this requirement and participation requires no financial contribution on the part of the student, participation in all extracurricular activities or groups is voluntary.

Academic eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities as outlined in policy JJJ shall apply to non-curricular extra-curricular activities only.

The Extra-Curricular Activities Code as outlined in policy JJIC shall apply to all extra-curricular activities including co-curricular and non-curricular.

All students participating in school-sponsored activities are expected to ride school-approved transportation to games or on activity trips with exceptions considered on an individual case basis by the coach or advisor within guidelines provided by the athletic director or principal.

**Exclusion from Activities or Groups**

Students may belong to and take part in all extracurricular activities or groups for which they are qualified, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation or disability.

Participation in all extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Students may be excluded from these groups as a disciplinary action, as a consequence for poor performance in school, or otherwise as determined by district administration. A student and/or his or her parents/guardians are not entitled to a hearing solely because the student has been excluded from an extracurricular activity.

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