



Student Activities

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Policy Statement

- The Board endorses the establishment of a well-rounded activities program that serves to enhance students' physical, academic, and social skills and a positive link between the school and community at each school.
- Extracurricular programs shall contribute to the District's goals and objectives.
- Extracurricular programs shall be designed to respond to the needs and interests of students, to be appropriate to their age levels, and with awareness of the practices and traditions of the students' communities.
- Participation in extracurricular programs shall reflect the diversity of the school population.
- The extracurricular program shall be designed to afford access to all students.

Interscholastic Athletics

- All athletic programs shall require Board approval and shall operate under the general supervision of the Superintendent.
- District secondary schools shall maintain membership in the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and shall follow its rules and regulations.
- Eligibility requirements shall be established by the Board and shall conform to DIAA regulations. Student participants shall have written permission from a parent/guardian to participate, certification of physical fitness for participation from a physician, and academic eligibility per DIAA guidelines.
- The Superintendent shall develop procedures concerning insurance coverage and waivers for those participating in interscholastic sports.

Sportsmanship

- The Board believes that sportsmanship is an important outcome of education; therefore procedures shall be developed to ensure that athletic directors and coaches teach and promote the standards of sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and integrity in practice sessions and competitions.
- The athletic programs in the District shall be operated in a manner that encourages participation, treats students with respect, and provides all team participants a fair opportunity to compete.

Academic Competitions and Student Contests

All student contests and competitions must have prior approval of the principal and appropriate District-level administrator.

	<p><i>Volunteer Opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board encourages the use of student volunteers in the educational program (e.g., student librarians, student office assistants) and in useful community services. • Student volunteers must be capable of such work without endangering their academic achievement. • All student volunteers shall be expected to maintain their grades, attend all classes, and recognize that volunteer activities are secondary to academic goals. <p><i>Academic Eligibility Criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are encouraged to participate in school activities to the extent that it does not detract from regular school work. • The Superintendent shall establish District academic eligibility criteria for participation in all extracurricular activities with the exception of interscholastic athletics. • Procedures shall allow flexibility for students with disabilities in accordance with federal guidelines. • In addition to meeting local requirements for participation, students must meet State eligibility rules. <p><i>Student Activities Funds</i></p> <p>All funds from student activities shall be handled in accordance with established District accounting procedures.</p>	
Definitions	<p><i>Extracurricular activities:</i> District-sponsored and directed non-credit activities designed to provide opportunities for students to improve skills through group and individual activities at schools and at public events conducted wholly or partially outside the regular school day</p> <p><i>Interscholastic athletics:</i> All activities relating to competitive sports, contest, games, events, or exhibitions involving District students or teams of District students when such activities occur between schools within or outside the District.</p>	
Responsibility	The Superintendent shall be responsible for compliance.	
References	<p>34 CFR §104.4 14 Del. Admin. C. §1000</p> <p>Related policies: 7011 Promotion and Retention, 9007 Commercialism in Schools</p> <p>Related documents: Student Code of Conduct; Administrative Memoranda “Academic Eligibility for All Activities,” “Interscholastic Sports Insurance,” and “Supervision of Student Activities”</p>	
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