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The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of pupils, and to enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for pupils in the appropriate grades. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils, except that pupils may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and pupils may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board and do not include athletic competitions and practices. Co-curricular activities must be related to the curriculum but are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

The Board expressly declines to create a limited open forum for activities initiated by pupils. Accordingly, a group of pupils who wish to meet on school premises shall apply to the building principal for permission to meet and must demonstrate to the principal the relationship of their meeting to the curriculum. The principal shall permit only those meetings that relate specifically to the curriculum.

No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

Pupils shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all pupils who voluntarily elect to participate except that where eligibility requirements specific to an organization are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of such eligibility standards before they may be operable.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.

Pupil participation in athletic competition shall be governed by the following eligibility standards:

1. A pupil in grades 5 through 8 is eligible for participation in co-curricular activities if he or she passed all courses required for promotion or graduation in the preceding marking period and has satisfactory grades for mid-marking period progress reports. Any pupil who does not have satisfactory passing grades at either point will be removed from the co-curricular activity for a minimum of two weeks. Following the two week suspension, the pupil must receive a satisfactory report from the subject area teacher(s) certifying improvement. It is the responsibility of the pupil to secure the teacher's signature/report of satisfactory progress to return to the co-curricular activity.
2. A pupil in any grade must maintain a satisfactory record of attendance to be eligible for participation in co-curricular activities. No pupil who has been absent for a school day may participate in a co-curricular activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

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3. A pupil in any grade who fails to demonstrate good citizenship or observe school rules for pupil conduct may forfeit his or her eligibility for participation in co-curricular activity.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.

39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2; 18A:42-5

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