

Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities and Organizations

Student activities are an important part of the total school curriculum. Student activities including athletics, clubs, and organizations provide opportunities for students to explore areas of interest and skill as well as opportunities to learn teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, leadership, pride, and fairness.

Student activities are to be considered learning experiences and are to be developed, managed, and evaluated with this purpose in mind.

- I. BOARD APPROVAL:** Student activities and organizations requiring any financial support from the Board of Education must be approved in advance by the Board. All other student activities and organizations must be approved by the building principal, and the Board informed of the establishment of the activity or organization.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION

- A. Adherence to Board Policies:** All student activities and organizations must operate under the policies, rules, and regulations of the Board.
- B. Statement of Purpose:** All student activity organizations must have a statement of purpose on file with the school principal.
- C. Membership Requirements:** Membership in all student organizations must be open to all students without prejudice as to race, creed, or subjective judgment of peers. Any criteria for membership must be delineated in the statement of purpose. Such criteria must be objective and are limited to the following:
1. Scholarship
 2. Citizenship
 3. Grade level
 4. Subject field
 5. Special proficiency, evaluated by certified personnel on the basis of predetermined standards

Under no circumstances is the membership in a school organization to be determined by the subjective judgment of the students constituting the organization.

- D. Financial Control:** All financial matters pertaining to student activities and organizations shall be governed by Board policy DMA, "School Activity Funds."

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III. RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION

Building principals are responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of all student activity programs and student organizations.

IV. NONSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- A. Secret Clubs:** Secret clubs or societies shall not be sanctioned in the district.
- B. Use of School Name:** No individual student, student activity, or student organization may use the school name when participating in a nonschool sponsored contest or competition without the approval of the building principal.

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