

## **Instruction**

### **Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities**

Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are school-sponsored programs for which some or all of the activities are outside the instructional day. They do not include field trips, homework, or occasional work required outside the school day for a scheduled class. "Co-curricular activity" refers to an activity associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom and is generally required for class credit. "Extracurricular activity" refers to an activity that is not part of the curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit, and does not take place during classroom time; it includes competitive interscholastic activities and clubs.

The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.
4. Student body interests are considered.
5. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

### **Academic Criteria for Participation**

For students in kindergarten through 8th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code.

### **Eligibility to Represent the School**

All students elected to student offices, or who represent their schools in extracurricular, curricular, and interscholastic sports activities, shall maintain behavior consistent with the student conduct and academic eligibility code while at school, school activities and any activity reasonably related to school. Any student who does not maintain appropriate behavior consistent with the District's student conduct code may not be allowed to represent other fellow students or the schools for a period of time recommended by the Building Principal, but in no case, except when approved by the Board of Education, shall the time exceed twelve calendar months.

### **Supervision**

Whenever or wherever held, when conducted under the name of the School or School District or any class or organization thereof, activities shall be under the general supervision of the school authorities.

### **Organizations: Councils, Cabinets, Committees, and Class Activities**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of student representative government and encourages its activities where appropriate. As such, the Board of Education authorizes the administration to advise students in the formation of and operation of appropriate forms of student government.

## **Contest for Students**

The primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of the students must be the first consideration at all times.

### **Criteria for Selection of Educationally Desirable Contest**

On a national, state, and local basis, the contest or activity should be approved by the Superintendent, or designee, taking into consideration the following criteria:

1. One that supplements and does not interfere with the regular school program.
2. One that is beneficial to youth in educational, civic, social, or ethical development.
3. One that makes it possible for individual students to compete fairly.
4. One whose subject is not commercial, controversial, sectarian, or concerned with propaganda. It must emphasize high moral standards, good citizenship, and intellectual competence.
5. One from which no contestant is excluded because of race, gender, national origin, religion or payment of entry fee.
6. One which does not place an undue burden on students, teachers, or the school, nor requires frequent or lengthy absence of participants from the school.
7. One sponsored by an organization engaged in a creditable or acceptable enterprise regardless of kind or amount of prizes offered.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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