

## 2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (M)

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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 grades three through eight. 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 Superintendent or designee for permission to meet and must demonstrate to the Superintendent or designee the relationship of their meeting to the curriculum. The Superintendent or designee 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 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.



# POLICY

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A pupil in grades six through eight is ineligible for participation in co-curricular activities if he/she has:

1. Demonstrated unsatisfactory attendance by failing to maintain a record of appropriate attendance;
2. Failed to maintain an average grade of passing with teacher endorsement of participation in each marking period;
3. Failed a course required for promotion or graduation in the preceding semester and has not been confirmed as eligible by the teacher; or
4. Received a notice of warning of failure in a course required for promotion or graduation in the current semester and has not demonstrated improvement to the satisfaction of the teacher.

All cases where pupils are denied eligibility must be renewed with the Superintendent prior to the pupil's removal from participation or denial of participation.

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.

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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