

SUBJECT: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Any organization within the District whose activities are conducted by students, and whose financial support is raised other than by taxation or through charges of the Board, is an extraclassroom activity (ECA). All ECAs must be approved by the Board. The Building Principal will maintain an up-to-date register of all ECAs that are approved or discontinued. The District will develop detailed procedures for the establishment of ECAs.

Student organizations are assigned faculty advisors by the administration. The advisors shall attend all meetings of their respective activity; such meetings to be held at least once monthly during the school year. Activities shall not meet outside school property unless they have received the consent of the Superintendent.

Each activity shall have officers elected annually from among the membership. Each activity shall adopt a constitution prescribing the purpose of the organization, duties of the officers, membership requirements (to be applied equally and consistently to all students), rules of procedure and other matters deemed necessary. This constitution shall be approved by the sponsor (faculty) and the building principal and shall be on file in his/her office.

All posters relating to extracurricular activities shall require the approval of the building principal.

Participation by students in extracurricular activities is a privilege, carrying with it the responsibility of good behavior in and out of school. Failure on the part of any student to meet this responsibility renders him/her liable to the suspension of his/her privilege or representing his/her school in extracurricular activities or of holding class or organizational offices. Decisions relative to the eligibility or ineligibility of students are delegated to the Superintendent and to those individuals or groups he/she may directly or indirectly designate.

Limited Open Forum

The District maintains a limited open forum where one or more noncurricular related secondary student groups meet on District premises during noninstructional time. The District will not deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against these groups on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at those meetings.

To provide a fair opportunity to students who wish to conduct a meeting, the District will ensure that:

- a) The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
- b) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the District, the government, or its agents or employees;
- c) Employees or agents of the District or government are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;

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- d) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the District; and
- e) Non-District persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

However, the District, its agents, and its employees, retain the authority to:

- a) Ban unlawful groups;
- b) Maintain order and discipline on District premises;
- c) Protect the well-being of students and employees;
- d) Assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary; and
- e) Restrict groups that materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities.

Eligibility for Attendance

In general, student participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. Students must abide by the academic standards and standards of conduct for participation in extracurricular activities as established by the Board and outlined in the District's *Code of Conduct* and/or any other applicable document.

- a.) Students who are suspended on a day of an athletic game or practice session, party, school dance, or other school affair scheduled after regular school hours are not eligible for participation or attendance at such events.
- b.) In order for students to attend a school-sponsored function, it is necessary that students attend classes for at least half of the school day on the day of the activity. One-half of the school day is defined as follows: from 8:30 a.m. until noon or from noon until the end of the school day.

20 USC §§ 4071 - 4074
Education Law §§ 1709, 1709-a, 2503-a and 2554-a
8 NYCRR §§ 172.1, 172.2

NOTE: Refer to Policies #8460 – Field Trips
District *Code of Conduct*

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