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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee believes that the school's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the school. The Joint Operating Committee strongly supports Career and Technical ~~vocational~~ student organizations.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Joint Operating Committee; are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of

initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.[1]

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee shall make the facilities, supplies and equipment of the school available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act. [2][3][4][5][6]

Any extracurricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of the Joint Operating Committee when it has been approved by the Joint Operating Committee on recommendation of the Director.

The Joint Operating Committee shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:

1. The Joint Operating Committee's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as stated in the policy on regular school supplies.[7]
2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.

Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Joint Operating Committee shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would **otherwise** violate the Code of Student Conduct if **any of the following circumstances exist**: [8]

1. **The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, whether or not via school furnished transportation.**
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, **for example**, a transaction **conducted** outside of school **pursuant to** an agreement **made in school**, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct **if conducted in school**.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
6. There is **otherwise** a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Director or designee shall develop **administrative regulations** to implement the extracurricular activities program.

Guidelines

Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:

1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to students.
2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and community in developing extracurricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.[\[4\]](#)
3. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.
4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
5. Guards against exploitation of students.
6. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
7. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
8. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.[\[1\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

Equal Access Act

The school shall provide secondary students the opportunity for noncurriculum-related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees.[\[4\]](#)

Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Director or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.

The school retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.

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