



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee believes that the center's (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 center (school). The Joint Operating Committee strongly supports vocational student organizations.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, **extracurricular activities** refers to those programs, **including curriculum-related student groups,** {X} **and** athletic activities,

that are sponsored or approved by the Joint Operating Committee; are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

{X} For purposes of this policy, an **athletic activity** shall mean all of the following: [1][2]

1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the center (school), including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities sponsored by center (school)-affiliated organizations.
2. Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the center (school).
3. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

Curriculum-related student group - any student group that directly relates to the body of courses offered by the district. [3]

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee shall make the facilities, supplies and equipment of the center (school) available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance **with applicable** laws, regulations and Joint Operating Committee policies. [4][5][6][7][8]

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 Administrative Director.

{ } approved by the Administrative Director and reported to the Joint Operating Committee for their information and review.

{X} approved by the Administrative Director.

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

1. {X} The Joint Operating Committee's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as stated in the policy on regular center (school) supplies. [9]
2. {X} 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 determine the standards for eligibility to be met by all students participating in an extracurricular activity. [4][5][10]

The Joint Operating Committee directs that no student may participate in extracurricular activities who has not:

1. {X } Met the requirements for academic eligibility. [5]
2. {X } Complied with the requirements of applicable Joint Operating Committee policies and administrative regulations. [11][12][13]
3. {X } Attended the center (school) regularly. [14]
4. {X } Been in attendance on the day of the activity, event or practice for the hours required.
5. {X } Returned all center (school) equipment previously used as directed.
6. {X } Adhered to other applicable conduct standards.

Off-Campus Activities

Student conduct that occurs off center (school) property or during nonschool hours shall be addressed in accordance with the provisions of the student discipline policy regarding on and off-campus activities.[13][15]

Delegation of Responsibility

{X } Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgment of receipt and review of the following:[1][11][12][16]

1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet, that includes information about electrocardiogram testing.

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

Guidelines

Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:

1. {X } Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to students.
2. {X } Invites the participation of parents/guardians and the community in developing extracurricular **activities**.
3. {X } Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.
4. {X } Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
5. {X } Guards against exploitation of students.
6. {X } Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
7. {X } Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
8. {X } Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students, without discrimination, and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.[17][18]

NOTES:

Only use the language related to athletic activities, the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet, and the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet, if the center or school offers such athletic programs or activities.

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Legal

- [1. 24 P.S. 1425](#)
- [2. 24 P.S. 5322](#)
3. Board of Education of Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990)
- [4. 24 P.S. 1850.1](#)
- [5. 24 P.S. 511](#)
6. Pol. 103
7. Pol. 103.1
8. Pol. 122.3
9. Pol. 110
- [10. 22 PA Code 12.3](#)
11. Pol. 122.1
12. Pol. 122.2
13. Pol. 218
14. Pol. 204
15. Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L., 594 U.S. 180 (2021)
- [16. 24 P.S. 5323](#)
- [17. 22 PA Code 12.4](#)
- [18. 22 PA Code 12.1](#)
- [24 P.S. 5321 et seq](#)