

INSTRUCTION

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Extracurricular and 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, occasional work required outside the school day for a scheduled class, online courses or remote learning programs. An “extracurricular” activity is 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. A “co-curricular” activity is an activity associated with the curriculum in the regular classroom, online course or, if available, remote learning program and is generally required for class credit.

The Superintendent shall annually submit a list of recommended extracurricular and co-curricular activities to the School Board for approval. Board approval is contingent upon the following:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of members.
2. Membership is limited to students currently enrolled in the District and who meet the minimum number of credit hours required by the Illinois High School Association, where applicable, and who meet and maintain appropriate academic standards. Non-public school students including private, parochial and home-schooled students are allowed to participate if they comply with all aspects of Policy 7:40.
3. Fees must be reasonable and may not exceed the actual cost of operation.
4. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.

Student body desires concerning co-curricular activities are important.

Building Principals are responsible for the scheduling and announcing of student extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Non-school sponsored student groups are governed by the District's policy on student use of school buildings, 7:330, *Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access*.

Academic Criteria for Participation

For students in kindergarten through 8th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the 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.

For high school students, 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. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported extracurricular activity, a student must remain in good academic standing as set forth in the District Code of Conduct.

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

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:10 (Equal Education Opportunities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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