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The Extracurricular Activities Program

1. **General Purpose**

- a. The extracurricular program includes noncurricular activities which are sponsored by the school district. These activities include sports, speech, plays, FFA, FBLA, music performance groups and other activities which are sponsored by the school.
- b. Extracurricular activities are an important part of the total school experience, but are secondary to the academic program and must be kept in that perspective.
- c. Extracurricular activities **do not** include:
 - i. co-curricular activities such as band and choir, in which students must participate as part of the requirements for enrollment in and receiving a grade for a particular course.
 - ii. student-initiated, non-curriculum related student groups which are permitted to hold meetings and events on school premises. These groups are not school-sponsored and are not governed by this policy or other policies and rules governing extracurricular groups.

2. **Governance**

- a. All extracurricular activities shall be under the exclusive governance and control of the school district. This control includes, but is not be limited to, the formation, naming, structure, operation, financing, and discontinuance of all extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities shall not have any separate or individual existence, status, rights, or authority.
- b. Students and sponsors will be governed by all board's policies and administrative rules including the policy on field trips when traveling for extracurricular activities.

3. **Student Eligibility**

- a. Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. Participation shall be open to and limited to all students who are currently enrolled in the school district on a voluntary basis.
- b. Extracurricular activities may establish academic or course enrollment

47 qualifications for participation if such qualifications are necessarily
48 related to the purposes of the activity.

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- 50 c. Standards for scholastic eligibility for students wishing to participate in
51 extracurricular activities shall be set by the administration and shall be
52 consistent with at least the minimum standards provided by the NSAA.
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- 54 d. All students in grades 7-12 who participate in athletics must have a
55 physical examination by a qualified health care provider at the
56 student's expense.
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- 58 e. Students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities must
59 abide by the student code of conduct, the extracurricular code of
60 conduct and any additional rules set by the activity sponsor.
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- 62 f. Students are not eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity
63 until they and their parents/guardians have signed the student
64 handbook and extracurricular handbook receipt and acknowledgement.
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66 4. **Sponsors**

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- 68 a. Each extracurricular activity must have a sponsor who is a member of
69 the district's certificated staff or a selected community member who is
70 qualified by virtue of education, training, experience, or special
71 interest to serve as the sponsor.
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- 73 b. The superintendent or his/her designee will recommend activity
74 assignments to the board of education for approval. Payment to
75 sponsors will be negotiated with the sponsor based on the terms of
76 any applicable collective bargaining agreement, the sponsor's training
77 and experience and any other lawful criteria. Sponsors serve in their
78 capacity as a sponsor at the will of the superintendent and/or board.
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- 80 c. Sponsors shall be required to: develop materials, activities, and a
81 budget; promote membership and participation; communicate with the
82 principal or designee, staff, students, and parents; schedule meeting
83 dates and locations; plan meaningful experiences; supervise students
84 during activities; evaluate and make recommendations; and submit a
85 year-end report to the principal or designee.
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87 5. **Fundraising Activities**

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89 All fundraising activities shall require authorization by a member of the
90 school district administration and shall be subject to all other school policies.
91 All money raised by these activities shall be governed by Policy 3005.
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