

COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES POLICY-PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS STATEMENT

The Burlington Board of Education recognizes that a varied offering of activity programs is an important supplement to the academic curriculum. Because of the importance of these programs the Board believes that certain goals should be established just as they are in the academic curriculum.

Activities offer unique opportunities in the total development of the student. The primary objective of our activities program is to encourage academic achievement; build character; develop leadership ability; provide discipline, self-discipline, positive attitude, self-esteem, skills development; and to teach responsibility and personal development.

In order for all activity programs to be successful in a school our size, it will be necessary for many students to participate in more than one activity. This will require the staff to be cooperative in scheduling and realistic in their demand on student's time. The administration shall determine equity in scheduling and funding.

Striving for success is important and is to be encouraged within the bounds of acceptable behavior. Success in our activity programs is defined as doing one's best, win or lose. Since life is not always as we would wish, students should also be prepared to cope with disappointments in a mature manner. We recognize differences in personal talents and promote the belief that dedicated effort of the less talented is an extremely valuable asset to the success of any program.

Coaching and directing activities is teaching and the different levels of activities involved shall determine the teaching strategies used in accomplishing the primary objectives of this philosophy. Physical or mental abuse and abusive ridicule are unacceptable methods of arriving at the objectives of this policy.

Team or group goals must be the first priority of the individuals participating in an activity program. As one strives to accomplish team and group goals, certain individual awards will be merited and earned. All staff members shall do their best to assist team or group members to obtain scholarships, awards, etc., to which their talents and efforts have exhibited such recognition.

The Board of Education in order to support and execute this activities policy, is committed to providing the essential financing, personnel, materials and equipment within the limits of our financial resources and what we perceive to be in the best interest of the Burlington School System.

The primary goal of each activity program within the Burlington School system will be to comply with this philosophy as stated by the Burlington Board of Education.