

## **DRAFT Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities**

The Regional School Unit #34 Board believes student activities sponsored by the school department are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means of developing social interactions, knowledge, and skills. The Board further recognizes that not all of the district's goals and objectives can be met in formal classroom study. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of the district's facilities, employees, and funds to provide student co-curricular and extra-curricular activities or groups.

The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools or designee to administer activities and groups in keeping with this policy, and to create administrative procedures to further the district's goals. Policy JJJ outlines student eligibility requirements for participation in all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Activities shall be considered *co-curricular* or *extra-curricular* as described below.

Co-curricular activities are components of a regularly-offered class that occur outside of normal instructional time. The subject matter of the activity or group is taught in a class, and participation in the co-curricular activity is a requirement for the course as outlined in the course syllabus. Participation may impact academic credit and course grades, as long as students are made aware of the requirement, reasonable accommodations are made for excused absences, and participation requires no financial contribution on the part of the student.

Examples of co-curricular activities include most practices, performances, or competitions for classes such as band, robotics, and JROTC.

Extra-curricular activities are school-sponsored activities or groups primarily involving students and meeting outside of class time which are not co-curricular. Students participate in these activities voluntarily, and participation may be limited by criteria specific to the organization (e.g., National Honor Society) or by tryouts (e.g., interscholastic athletics). Examples of extra-curricular activities include most student clubs, organizations, intramural, and interscholastic athletics.

### **General**

All students participating in off-site school-sponsored activities are expected to ride school-approved transportation with exceptions considered on an individual case basis by the coach or advisor within guidelines provided by the athletic director or principal.

Additional or more specific rules such as an athletic code or team rules may apply to some activities.

### **Exclusion from Activities or Groups**

Participation in all *extra-curricular* activities is a privilege, not a right. Students may be excluded as a disciplinary action, as a consequence for poor performance in school, or otherwise as determined by school or district administration. A student and/or his or her parents/guardians are not entitled to a hearing solely because the student has been excluded from an activity.

In some circumstances, students may be excluded from some *co-curricular* activities and given alternative activities as determined by school or district administration. An example is the circumstance of significant misbehavior during travel for a co-curricular activity, which may result in an alternative activity being assigned for the course instead of future travel.

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