

Cocurricular and extracurricular activities

The Board, in the interest of affording the children attending its schools the highest level of educational experience obtainable, believes that student activities are an essential part of deliberate education in the United States. Such activities form a logical adjunct to the required or general curriculum and the elective or special curriculum.

Recognizing that student activities are a legitimate part of the school program, the Board has established the following criteria, which all student activity programs must meet:

1. Student activities must have educational value for students.
2. Student activities must be in balance with other curricular offerings in the schools.
3. Student activities must be managed in a professional manner.

The following guidelines will govern the student activities programs:

1. Eligibility requirements for participating in athletic programs will be set by the administration and will conform to regulations of the SDHSAA as well as federal and state regulations.
2. Academic eligibility regulations, which will be developed by the administration, will apply to all activities that are either completely or partially paid for by the district. Students must maintain passing grades in their curriculums.
3. Student activities are those school activities that are voluntarily engaged in by students, have the approval of the school administration and are sponsored by the faculty, and do not carry credit toward promotion or graduation.
4. Each school, under the direction of the principal and professional staff, will have a well-balanced and effectively administered student activity program designed to stimulate student growth and development by supplementing and enriching the curricular activities.
5. Each activity should be designed to contribute directly to the educational, civic, social, ethical, and leadership development of students involved.
6. The student activity program should receive the same attention in terms of philosophy, objectives, social setting, organization, and evaluation that is given to the regular school curriculum.
7. Each school will develop definite written guidelines and procedures regulating the creation, organization, administration, and dissolution of student activity programs.
8. The expenses involved in participating in any student activity and in the total program for a school year should be set so that a majority of the students may participate without financial strain.
9. Activities must be open to all students, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, or disabled.
10. Activities must not place undue burdens upon students, teachers, or schools.

11. Activities should be held on non-school time or at an appropriate designated school time.

12. Activities at any level should be unique, not duplications of others already in operation.

13. All students in activities must complete an annual medical physical by a licensed physician.

14. All activities should have rules that students and parents are required to sign at the beginning of the year or season.

In addition to the above guidelines, the high school will abide by the rules and bylaws of the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA). Membership in the SDHSAA will be renewed annually by approval of the Board.

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