

# POLICY

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### **2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of pupils, and to enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for pupils in grades K through 12. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils, except that pupils may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and pupils may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board and do not include athletic competitions and practices. Co-curricular activities must be related to the curriculum but are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities by organizations of pupils during pupil activity periods. No group of pupils, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at their meeting.

No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

Pupils shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all pupils who voluntarily elect to participate.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.



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A pupil in grades K through 12 may be ineligible for participation in co-curricular activities if he/she has:

1. Demonstrated unsatisfactory attendance by receiving a warning notice of unsatisfactory attendance;
2. Failed to maintain an average grade of C in each marking period;
3. Failed a course required for promotion or graduation in the preceding semester; or
4. Received a notice of warning of failure in a course required for promotion or graduation in the current semester.

Notwithstanding these standards, a pupil who has commenced preparation for participation in a public performance of a concert, recital, drama, debate or the like may continue to participate until the pupil has completed the performance.

No pupil who has been absent for a school day may participate in a co-curricular activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

The Board will not permit pupils who reside in this district and who are not enrolled in the public school to participate in noncompetitive co-curricular activities, except home schooled or nonpublic school children in grades 6-12 who meet the following requirements are eligible to participate in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition of this district:

- The student meets all requirements (Policy 5111 Eligibility, Policy 5320 Immunization, etc.) of a student enrolled in the public school (Collingswood, Oaklyn, or Woodlynne);
- A nonpublic school student may participate if:
  - The nonpublic school of attendance does not offer an equivalent athletic activity;
  - The nonpublic school student demonstrates that he or she meets the same academic criteria as a public school student, as evidenced by report cards from the nonpublic school;
- A home schooled student may participate if:



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- The parent of the home schooled student has provided written notification of homeschooled status to the Collingswood Board of Education;
- He or she meets the same academic criteria as a public school student, as evidenced by reports from a structured homeschooled program or whose parent signs a statement of assurance that the student meets these requirements in his or her homeschool program;
- He or she would have been eligible for participation upon the date of withdrawal from the last public school of attendance, if applicable.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.

39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.  
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2; 18A:42-5  
N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.10 [vocational districts]

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