

SUBJECT: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education considers extracurricular activities to be a valuable part of the program of the school and shall support these activities within the financial means of the District.

The Superintendent of Schools shall annually appoint members of the staff to serve as advisors and officers for student activities. At the time of budget approval, the Board of Education shall consider an additional subsidy to be paid to staff members who are assigned this duty and responsibility.

Limited Open Forum

The Board of Education maintains a limited open forum where secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the instructional program, regardless of religious, political or philosophical content.

To provide "a fair opportunity" to students who wish to conduct a meeting, the Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of the Equal Access Act, shall ensure that:

- a) The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
- b) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;
- c) Employees or agents of the school or government are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;
- d) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
- e) Nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups (20 USC Section 4071[c]).

The Board prohibits student organizations whose activities may be unlawful or may cause disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of the educational process.

Administration is responsible for establishing regulations governing the use of school facilities by student organizations.

Eligibility for Attendance

- a) Students who are suspended from school on a day of an athletic game or practice session, party, school dance, or other school affair scheduled after regular school hours are not eligible for participation or attendance at such events.

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- b) In order for students to attend a school-sponsored function, it is necessary that students attend classes for at least one-half of the school day on the day of the activity, unless otherwise excused by the building administrator. One-half of the school day is defined as follows: from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. or from 11 a.m. until the end of the school day.

School property shall mean in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a public elementary or secondary school; or in or on a school bus as defined in Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 142. A school function shall mean a school-sponsored or school-authorized extracurricular event or activity regardless of where such event or activity takes place, including any event or activity that may take place in another state.

Equal Access Act, 20 United States Code (USC) Sections 4071-4074
Education Law Sections 1709 and 1709-a, 2503-a, 2554-a and 2801(1)
Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 142
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 172