

---

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board believes that the educational goals and objectives of the District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program. The purpose of extracurricular activities shall be:

- A. To develop useful new capabilities in pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid pupils in the social skills;
- E. To enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" refers to those activities that are sponsored or approved by the Board, but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and shall ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations, and intramural and interscholastic sports.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program that will:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the pupils of the District;
- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;
- D. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff;
- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all

pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

The guidance goal for each pupil shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the District, the parents/guardians and the pupil. Guidance is necessary to encourage nonparticipants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance. Only persons in the employ of the Board are permitted to organize District pupils during school time or during any recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

No activity will be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent. Any fund raising activities of extracurricular groups must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability or socioeconomic status.

#### Good Academic Standing

Specific academic eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities for pupils in the Middle School and High School are set forth in Regulation 6145R.

#### Attendance

The District's attendance policy shall also apply. If a pupil comes to school late, the pupil must be in school with a minimum of four (4) hours remaining in the school day in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. A pupil will also be deemed ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities on a given day if he/she signs out of school prior to the end of the school day. Exceptions to these provision are limited to Doctors Appointments, Motor Vehicle appointments, Death in Family, Court appearance or any other situation that is approved in advance by the Building Principal or his/her designee. Any request for an exception to these prohibitions excused event must be accompanied by a written note/documentation (i.e., doctors note, summons, etc...) to support the request.

#### Implementation

The Superintendent or his/her designee will direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extra-curricular programs and their operation comply with District equity requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee

Date: January 18, 1983  
 Date Revised: May 17, 1988  
 Date Revised: October 31, 2011

**Legal References:**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Law Against Discrimination
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-3	Voluntary associations regulating conduct of students
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14	Funds derived from pupil activities
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-20	Participation in courses in which verbalization is unessential to understanding of subject matter; location of and children in bilingual programs
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-5, -6	Certain student organizations declared harmful
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:13A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	<u>New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act</u>
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:7-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Managing for Equality and Equity in Education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-3.2	Career education and counseling
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9-5.19	Athletics personnel
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-2.2	Required health services
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-9.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Athletics Procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1	Review of mandated programs and services
20 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> 4071-4074	<u>Equal Access Act</u>
20 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> 1681 <u>et seq.</u>	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
<u>Krupp v. Bd. of Ed. of Union County Reg. H.S. Dist. #1</u> , 278 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 31(App. Div. 1994) cert. den. 140 <u>N.J.</u> 277 (1994)	
<u>Good News Club v. Milford Central School</u> , 121 <u>U.S.</u> 2093 (2001)	

NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

**Possible****Cross References:**

1210	Community organizations
1320	Participation in out of school community activities

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)****File Code: 6145**

1322	Contests for pupils
2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
3453	School activity funds
4143	Extra pay for extra work
5113	Absences and excuses
5126	Awards for achievement
5131	Conduct/discipline
5136	Fund-raising activities
5143	Insurance
5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
6010	Goals and objectives
6142	Subject fields
6142.5	Travel and exchange programs
6142.12	Career education
6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6145.4	Public performances and exhibitions
6145.5	Student organizations
6145.7	Social events/meetings
6146	Graduation requirements
6153	Field trips