

## 2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (M)

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 one through twelve. 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 expressly declines to create a limited open forum for activities initiated by pupils. Accordingly, a group of pupils who wish to meet on school premises shall apply to the Building Principal for permission to meet and must demonstrate to the Principal the relationship of their meeting to the curriculum. The Principal shall permit only those meetings that relate specifically to the curriculum.

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.

### Academic Requirements

1. Meet State requirement for eligibility:



- a. Pass at least three courses for the preceding semester (13.75 credits) spring eligibility.
  - b. Pass at least six courses for the preceding year (27.5 credits) fall/winter eligibility.
- \* A pupil deemed ineligible at the end of the semester (January 30) will be removed from the winter activity.
2. Maintain an academic of 75.0 from the preceding semester:
  - a. Academic probation (65.00-74.99), he/she must attend after school study groups in order to be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities study groups will be scheduled from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. in increments of a half marking period (twenty-two days). Progress will be monitored using Interim Progress Reports and report cards.
3. Notification and conferencing with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the probation pupil will be done prior to the start of the probation period to review the process.

## Pupil Conduct Requirements

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 on a space-available basis. Participants will be permitted only on written application and the applicant's assurances that the pupil agrees to be bound by the policies, rules, and regulations of this district.

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

