



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PUPILS
TITLE:	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
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Section 1. Purpose

- a. Student activities are a vital part of their educational experience and should be viewed as a significant force in the total educational program. The opportunities for students to organize and plan, to assume leadership roles, to gain recognition and identity, to experience self-governance, to recreate physically and emotionally, and to mature socially come to a significant degree from the student activities program. The accomplishments of adults are significantly correlated to their nonacademic experiences as students in school. Thus student activities are of extraordinary importance to the later and serious realm of adulthood.
- b. The School Board believes the expansion of student activities to be constructive and beneficial to youth. It endorses the broad participation of youth in a variety of activities and athletics as contrasted to their status as simple spectators.

Section 2. Definition

Extracurricular activities - those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

Section 3. Authority

- a. The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.
- b. Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

Pol. 122

Title 22
Sec. 12.1
Pol. 000. 122

SC 511
20 U.S.C.
Sec. 4071 et seq
Pol. 103, 103.1, 122

Pol. 122

<p>Pol. 122</p>	<p>c. The Board retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.</p> <p>Section 4. <u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program. All students shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p> <p>Section 5. <u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>a. Equal Access Act - The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for non-curriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during non-instructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings.</p> <p>Non-instructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. 2. The meetings of student groups cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school. 3. The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary. 4. The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.
<p>Pol. 122</p>	<p>b. Eligibility for Participation - To be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities that involve performances and practices outside the school day, students must meet eligibility requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adequate class attendance. 2. Satisfactory adherence to school policies to include those on student behavior. 3. The normal regulations regarding age and years of participation must be

<p>Pol. 122</p>	<p>maintained.</p> <p>4. If a teacher, nurse, and/or administrator feels that a student's health may be impaired if the said student participated in a physical activity the school may require a doctor's statement approving the said student's participation in the activity.</p> <p>c. Off-Campus Activities</p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
<p>Pol. 618</p>	<p>Section 6. <u>Participation Fee</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Given the philosophy of the School Board towards the value of activities and athletics, a participation fee may be assessed for students. b. The rate of assessment will be adopted by the School Board on an annual basis. c. Provisions for economically disadvantaged students will also be implemented. <p>Section 7. <u>Activities Funds</u></p>
<p>Pol. 229, 618</p>	<p>It shall be lawful for any class, organization or activity to raise, expend or hold funds in its own name and under its own management within the Activity Account and under the direct management of the class advisor, activity advisor, and the principal.</p>

Section 8. Activity Award

Awards are presented to participants in student activities who meet the criteria of such awards.

- a. Criteria for these awards are established by the Activity Sponsor or Athletic Coach, in conjunction with approval by the Activity Director or Athletic Director and the Principal. The criteria shall be made known to the participants prior to the start of the activity or athletic season.
- b. All activity or athletic awards will be given to those that have earned the award at the conclusion of the activity or end of the season.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.

Board Policy – 000, 103, 110, 218

Replaces Policy:

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