



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PROGRAMS
TITLE:	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
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Section 1. Purpose

The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.

Section 2. Definition

For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities shall be 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 in the activity.

Section 3. Authority

- a. The Superintendent or designee 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. The Board encourages secondary level students to pursue clubs and interests that may not be related directly to any of the curriculum programs offered in the District. In pursuit of such goals and in compliance with laws, the Board maintains a limited open forum in which secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the curriculum, regardless of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech related to such activities.
- c. Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Superintendent and reported to the Board for its information and review.
- d. The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities and may

Title 22
Sec. 12.1
Pol. 000

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

<p>Pol. 110</p>	<p>impose or charge a student activity fee, except that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies. 2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips. 3. Where academic and attendance eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable. <p>e. Off-campus Activities</p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via School District furnished transportation. 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, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Conduct if conducted in school. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. 6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. <p>Section 4. <u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p>

Section 5. Guidelines

- a. The program of extracurricular activities shall:
 - 1. Assess the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.
 - 2. Involve students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.
 - 3. Ensure provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
 - 4. Guard against exploitation of students.
 - 5. Provide a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
 - 6. Provide for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
 - 7. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.

Title 22
Sec. 12.1, 12.4

- b. 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.

20 U.S.C.
Sec. 4071 et seq.

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.

- 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.

- c. 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.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

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

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

Board Policy – 000, 103, 103.1, 110, 218