

***Co-Curricular Activities***

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 classroom curricular program of the school.

The purpose of co-curricular activities shall be to develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility, 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.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities shall be those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board. Co-curricular activities must be related to the curriculum but shall not be offered for credit toward promotion or graduation. Such activities are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day. No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless its relationship to one or more course of study has been demonstrated. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all applicable pupils who voluntarily elect to participate.

The Board of Education expressly declines to create a limited open forum for activities initiated by pupils. Accordingly, a group of pupils wishing 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.

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 7 through 12 which enhance the educational program of the schools. No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Principal, Superintendent and Board.