

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 35, NO. 2

DISTRICT-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, including those that are not conducted in a regular classroom but are directly related to the curriculum.

The purpose of curricular-related activities shall be to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than may be available in the District's courses of study but are still directly related to accomplishing the educational outcomes for students as adopted by the Board in Policy 2131.

For purposes of this policy, curricular-related activities are defined as those activities in which:

- A. the subject matter is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter concerns the District's composite courses of study;
- C. participation is required for a particular course;
- D. participation results in academic credit.

No curricular-related activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it meets one or more of the criteria stated above and has been approved by the Superintendent.

Such activities, along with extra-curricular activities (not directly related to courses of study), may be conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and directed by a staff advisor.

[Note: Selection of the first option precludes selection of the second option]

[OPTION #1]

- ☐ The Board expressly declines to create a limited open forum for clubs and activities, initiated by students, that cannot meet one of the four criteria stated above.

[OPTION #2]

- ☒ The Board shall allow nondistrict-sponsored, student clubs and activities during noninstructional time, in accordance with the provisions in Policy 5730 - Equal Access For Nondistrict-Sponsored, Student Clubs and Activities.

[END OF OPTIONS]

- ☒ Non-curricular student activities that are initiated by parents or other members of the community may be allowed under the provisions of Policy 7510 - Use of District Facilities. The Board, however will not:
- ☒ assume any responsibility for the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such activities;
 - ☒ provide any funds or other resources;
 - ☒ allow any member of the District's staff to assist in the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such an activity during the hours s/he is functioning as a member of the staff.

No nondistrict-sponsored organization may use the name of the School District or any other name which would associate an activity with the District.

In order to be eligible for any co-curricular, interscholastic and noninterscholastic extra-curricular activity, a student

- ☒ must have maintained at least a 1.0 grade-point average
- ☐ must not have received a failing grade in any course

for the ☐ semester(s) ☒ grading period prior to the ☐ semester ☒ grading period in which s/he wishes to participate. Students who are educated at home or enrolled in nonpublic schools are eligible to participate in accordance with Policy 9270. Students attending community or STEM schools may participate in extra-curricular activities in accordance with Policy 2430.02.

☐ An exception may be made by the principal if the student has been participating in an intervention program and has shown satisfactory progress toward achieving the minimum grade-point average.

If a student who becomes ineligible under these standards improves his/her grade point average during the current ☐ semester ☒ grading period enough to meet the eligibility standard, s/he may be reinstated

- ☒ at the beginning of the next ☐ semester ☒ grading period.
- ☐ after ____ more ☐ semester(s) ☐ grading period(s) with an acceptable grade point average.
- ☐ and no failing grades.

Students identified as disabled under R.C. Chapter 3323 and the IDEA are subject to the eligibility standards established by this policy unless specifically exempted by the express terms of their individualized education program (IEP). An IEP can specify the criteria by which a grade will be determined for [a] course[s], given the individual student's disability.

Whenever a student becomes a member of a District-established student group or national organization such as National Honor Society, in order to remain a member, s/he must continue to meet all of the eligibility criteria and abide by the principles and practices established by the group or organization.

- [X] Any student who has not made a passing score on all required sections of State-mandated tests after [REDACTED] attempts shall be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity, including athletics.

[Note: The following should be selected, if at all, only if the District provides intervention programs to help students pass the proficiency tests at times that would conflict with participation in the extra-curricular activity.]

- [X] The Board believes a student who has not passed these tests would be better served using the time that s/he would be participating in his/her interscholastic or non-interscholastic extra-curricular activity to participate in one or more of the District's intervention programs for assisting students to pass the required tests.

- [X] However, if a parent believes that his/her child may be unduly affected by his/her lack of participation in a particular interscholastic or noninterscholastic extra-curricular activity, s/he may come to the school and sign a waiver that will release the student from this proficiency test eligibility rule and allow him/her to participate in an activity. The parent shall be informed, prior to signing the waiver, that State law does not allow a student to receive a high school diploma unless s/he has passed all State testing requirements.

The Athletic Director and/or Principal shall require that each student athlete, who participates in either an interscholastic or intramural sport, submits Form 2431 F1 and Form 2431 F2 signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian, or by a person having care or charge of the student, affirming that each has received the Ohio Department of Health's concussion and head injury information sheet. The forms shall be signed and submitted on an annual basis. No student may practice or compete in interscholastic or intramural athletics until Form 2431 F1 and Form 2431 F2 are received by the Athletic Director or Principal. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics offered by a school in the District because the student has or is participating in college credit plus program as long as the student fulfills all academic, nonacademic and financial requirements.

Students shall be fully informed of the curricular-related and extra-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in these activities. Students will be further informed that participation in these activities is a privilege and not a right, and that they may be prohibited from all or part of their participation in such activities by authorized school personnel without further notice, hearing and/or appeal rights (See Policy 5610.05 - Prohibition from Extra-Curricular Activities). District-sponsored activities shall be available to all students who elect to participate and who meet eligibility standards.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement a program of curricular-related clubs and activities and of extra-curricular activities. Such guidelines should ensure that the needs and interests of the students are properly assessed and procedures are established for continuing evaluation of each club and activity.

R.C. 3313.53, [3313.5341](#), 3313.537, 3313.539, 3313.664, 3315.062
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