

SUBJECT: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education considers extracurricular activities to be a valuable part of the program of the school and shall support these activities within the financial means of the District.

Limited Open Forum

The Board of Education maintains a limited open forum where secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the instructional program, regardless of religious, political or philosophical content.

To provide “a fair opportunity” students who wish to conduct a meeting, the Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of the Equal Access Act, shall ensure that:

- a) The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
- b) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;
- c) Employees or agents of the school or government are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity;
- d) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
- e) Nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups (20 U.S.C. Section 4071[c]).

The Board prohibits student organizations whose activities may be unlawful or may cause disruption of interference with the orderly conduct of the educational process.

Administration is responsible for establishing regulations governing the use of school facilities by student organizations.

Eligibility for Attendance

- a) Students who are suspended from school on a day of an athletic game or practice session, party, school dance, or other school affair scheduled after regular school hours are not eligible for participation or attendance at such events.
- b) In order for students to attend a school-sponsored function, it is necessary that students attend classes for a least half of the school day on the day of the activity, unless otherwise excused by the building administrator. One-half of the school day is defined as follows: from 8:30 am until or from noon until the end of the school day.

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SUBJECT: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Cont'd.)**Secrets Societies, Fraternities, and Sororities**

The existence of secret societies is determined not to be in the best interest of students and the school program. The Board will not permit the organization or operation of such groups as they are deemed to be contrary to the educational process.

School Government

Student Government shall be encouraged as an opportunity for students to experience the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Sections 172.1 and 172.2
Education Law Sections 1709, 1709-a,
2503-a, and 2554-a
Equal Access Act, 20 United States Code (U.S.C.)
Sections 4071-4074

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