

2430 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (M)

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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 instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be 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.

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 seven through twelve. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils, except that pupils may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and pupils may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

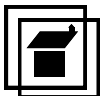
For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board. Co-curricular activities may be related to the curriculum but are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities by organizations of pupils during pupil activity periods. No group of pupils, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at their meeting.

No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

Pupils shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all pupils who voluntarily elect to participate.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.



Notwithstanding these standards, a pupil who has commenced preparation for participation in a public performance of a concert, recital, drama, debate or the like may continue to participate until the pupil has completed the performance.

No pupil who has been absent for a school day may participate in a co-curricular activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

Definition

“Co-Curricular Activities” shall mean athletics, club programs, drama programs, competition band, Student Council, cheerleading, and similar activities. It shall not include dances, attendance at athletic events or shows, nor other activities of a similar nature. The determination of whether a specific activity is to be covered under this policy will be made by the high school Principal.

In order to be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities in the first semester (fall/winter athletic seasons), a pupil must have earned a total of thirty (30) or more credits the prior school year (through regular class or accredited summer school work).

In order to be eligible for participation in a co-curricular activity in the second semester (spring athletic season), a pupil must have earned passing grades for the first semester in courses with a value equivalent to thirty (30) or more credits (credits for full year courses shall be equated at one half their total value to determine credits earned during the first semester).

Newly placed ninth grade pupils are automatically eligible during the first semester. Continued eligibility is based on the provisions of this policy.

For second semester eligibility in the senior year only: Grade 12 pupils who earn fewer credits than the amount specified above, will fall under the current NJSIAA eligibility requirements (second semester spring eligibility).

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The Clearview Regional High School District Board of Education recognizes that music is an important part of the curriculum. It, therefore, offers a varied musical program as an option to all pupils.



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Pupils from eighth through twelfth grade shall be eligible for participation in the senior band and/or the marching band, but participation of eighth grade pupils shall require approval of the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the Principal.

Although participation in some of the program's activities may be optional for the pupil, no pupil shall be denied participation in any program, except for cause as outlined in the discipline policy.

The Superintendent shall develop rules and guidelines relating to participation in any musical program, and shall also develop procedures and criteria for determining whether an eighth grade pupil will or will not be permitted to enroll in the senior band or marching band programs, such decisions to be made in consultation with the Band Director(s), parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the child, and the Building Principal.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.

39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2; 18A:42-5

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