

## COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

The Board of Education recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in the extracurricular life of the school, and encourages such participation. It is committed to the assignment of staff for the formation of student groups for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in an academic area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.

Recognizing that student activities are a part of the school program, the Board has established the following criteria, which all student activity programs must meet:

1. Student activities must have educational value for students;
2. Student activities must be in balance with other curricular offerings in the schools; and
3. Student activities must be managed in a professional manner.

The following guidelines will govern student activities programs:

1. Student activities are those school activities that are voluntarily engaged in by students, have the approval of the school administration and do not carry credit toward promotion or graduation;
2. Each school, under the direction of the Building Principal, will have a well-balanced and effectively administered student activity program designed to stimulate student growth and development by supplementing and enriching the curricular activities;
3. Each activity should be designed to contribute directly to the educational, civic, social and ethical development of students involved;
4. The student activity program should receive the same attention in terms of philosophy, objectives, social setting, organization and evaluation that is given the regular school curriculum;
5. Each school will develop definite written guidelines and procedures regulating the creation, organization, administration and dissolution of student activity programs;
6. The expenses involved in participating in any student activity and in the total program for a school year should be set so that a majority of the students may participate without financial strain;
7. Activities must be open to all students, regardless of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, disability or other human differences;
8. Activities must not place undue burdens upon students, teachers or schools;
9. Activities should be held after classes are dismissed, or at an appropriate time during class time;
10. Activities at any level should be unique, not duplications of others already in operation; and
11. Only enrolled students may participate in extra and co-curricular activities.

*Financial Assistance to Students Involved in Student Activities*

# POLICY

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Students

The Board recognizes that there are many activities in which a student may become involved which will have educational value and which can, to a large extent, expand the horizons and levels of appreciation of those who participate. The Board, through its budget appropriations, is committed to student involvement and student participation in many different kinds of extracurricular activities. Recognizing its commitment, the Board declares its intention to help to support certain activities in which individual students may become involved and, at the same time, distinguishes its obligation from educational activities which are clearly the responsibility of the student's family.

The following are guidelines which the administration will use to carry out the Board policy.

1. The Board will assist financially students who are involved in a competitive extracurricular activity (such as Odyssey of the Mind, National Spelling Bee) when the student's participation has been approved by the Principal of the school and when the student will be representing his or her school in a statewide activity or national activity.
2. The Board will assist financially a student involved in an extracurricular activity when the student has been recommended by the Principal of the school and when the activity is clearly of value both to the student and to the school.

The Board will not support any student financially who participates in any educational activity regardless of its value his or her participation is by personal choice and/or by a selection other than as described above.

The Board will annually appropriate a sum of money judged to be sufficient to meet the requirements of this policy.

Cross-ref: 5020, Equal Educational Opportunities  
5210, Student Organizations

Ref: *Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. V. Doe*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, \_\_\_S.Ct. \_\_\_, 2000WL 775587, No. 99-62 (June 19, 2000) (constitutionality of student-led prayers at interscholastic athletic activities)

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