

SUBJECT: EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Any organization within the District whose activities are conducted by students, and whose financial support is raised other than by taxation or through charges of the Board, is an extraclassroom activity (ECA). All ECAs must be approved by the Board. The Superintendent or designee will maintain an up-to-date register of all ECAs that are approved or discontinued. The District will develop detailed procedures for the establishment of ECAs.

The Board may adopt rules and regulations to abolish and/or prohibit any fraternity, sorority, or other secret society in any secondary school in the District provided that the Board has found that the fraternity, sorority, or secret society has, by virtue of its activities, caused or created a disruption of or interference with the academic process of any secondary school within the District or caused or created a disruption of the academic process of any individual student or students in any secondary school within the District.

Participation/Eligibility for Attendance

Student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. A student's participation in interscholastic athletics and any other activity is contingent upon their full compliance with all provisions of the District's Athletic/Extracurricular Code of conduct. Students must also comply with the District's *Code of Conduct* for the maintenance of order on school property.

Censorship of School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities

The District may exercise editorial control over the style and content of student speech in school-sponsored publications and activities that are part of the educational curriculum.

Limited Open Forum

The District maintains a limited open forum where one or more noncurricular related secondary student groups meet on District premises during noninstructional time. The District will not deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against these groups on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at those meetings.

To provide a fair opportunity to students who wish to conduct a meeting, the District will ensure that:

- a) The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
- b) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the District, the government, or its agents or employees;
- c) Employees or agents of the District or government are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;

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- d) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the District; and
- e) Non-District persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

However, the District, its agents, and its employees, retain the authority to:

- a) Ban unlawful groups;
- b) Maintain order and discipline on District premises;
- c) Protect the well-being of students and employees;
- d) Assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary; and
- e) Restrict groups that materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities.

Participation by Nonpublic School Students

Commissioner's Regulation 135.4(c)(7) directs that a participant in interscholastic sports must be enrolled in the public school. Access may only be granted to an activity that is not part of the District's instructional program. Children educated other than at the public school may participate in co-curricular activities such as elementary orchestra and other school-sponsored club activities, subject to space available and no added expense to the District.

20 USC §§ 4071-4074

Education Law §§ 1709-a, 2503-a, and 2554-a

8 NYCRR Part 172

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