

Policy

EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

The board believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program.

The purpose of extracurricular activities shall be:

- A. To develop useful new capabilities in students that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop student initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid students in the social skills;
- E. To enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" shall be those activities that are sponsored or approved by the board but are not offered for academic credit. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to students who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and shall ordinarily include **but not be limited to** band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this district;
- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of students;
- D. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff;
- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

The guidance goal for each student shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents/guardians and the student. Guidance is necessary to encourage nonparticipants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance.

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Only persons in the employ of a board of education shall be permitted to organize district students during school time or during any recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

No 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. Fund-raising activities of extracurricular groups must be approved by the board. Any signage, including, but not limited to, banners, posters, signs or lights, sought to be erected on school premises on behalf of any extracurricular group must be approved by the board in accordance with Policy 1330, "Use of School Facilities."

All students in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, familial status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, religion, disability, nationality, pregnancy, immigration status, English proficiency, housing status or socioeconomic status. The district shall ensure equity in educational programs including extracurricular activities and provide opportunities for students to interact positively with others on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Attendance

The district's attendance policy shall also apply.

Implementation

The superintendent shall direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extra-curricular programs and their operation comply with district equity requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the superintendent's discretion.

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Key Words

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<u>Legal References:</u> N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.	Law Against Discrimination
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-3	Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14	Funds derived from student activities
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-20	Control and regulation of playgrounds and public recreation places
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-20	Participation in courses in which verbalization unessential to understanding of subject matter; location of and children in bilingual programs
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-5, -6	Certain student organizations declared harmful
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:13A-1 et seq.	<u>New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act</u>
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:7-1.1 et seq.	Managing for Equality and Equity in Education

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<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.2</u>	Career education and counseling
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.16</u>	Athletics personnel
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2</u>	Required health services
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.1</u>	Facilities maintenance requirements
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2</u>	Policies and procedures for school facility operation
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-9.1 et seq.</u>	Athletics Procedures
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

20 U.S.C.A. 4071-4074 - Equal Access Act

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 et seq. - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Krupp v. Bd. of Ed. of Union County Reg. H.S. Dist. #1, 278 N.J. Super. 31 (App. Div. 1994) cert. den. 140 N.J. 277 (1994)

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 U.S. 2093 (2001)

The Comprehensive Equity Plan, New Jersey Department of Education

NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

Possible**Cross References:**

1210	Community organizations
1320	Participation in out of school community activities
*1322	Contests for students
*1330	Use of School Facilities
*2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
*3453	School activity funds
4143/4243	Extra pay for extra work
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5126	Awards for achievement
*5131	Conduct/discipline
*5136	Fund-raising activities
5143	Insurance
*5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
*6010	Goals and objectives
*6142	Subject fields
6142.5	Travel and exchange programs
*6142.12	Career and technical education
*6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6145.4	Public performances and exhibitions
6145.5	Student organizations
6145.7	Social events/meetings
*6146	Graduation requirements
*6153	Field trips

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.