

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
7-1/2 GULFSTREAM AVENUE  
WINFIELD, NJ 07036

POLICY

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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 pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid pupils in the social skills;
- E. To enable pupils 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 which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and shall ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations, and intramural and interscholastic sports.

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

The Chief School Administrator shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district;

- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;
- 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 pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

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

Only persons in the employ of the Board of Education shall be permitted to organize district pupils 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 Chief School Administrator. Fund-raising activities of extracurricular groups must be approved by the Board.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, social or economic status, or nonapplicable handicap.

### **Activities**

These events may include but are not limited to any of the following:

1. Extra-curricular sports (grades 5-8): soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and cheerleading.
2. After school clubs.
3. Co-Curricular activities: Assembly programs, field trips, student council, safety patrol, yearbook committee, etc.

### **Good Disciplinary Standing**

Good disciplinary standing shall mean that a pupil is not eligible to participate while serving a detention or suspension.

### **Good Academic Standing**

All students in Good Academic Standing may participate in extracurricular activities. Good Academic Standing requires students to have minimum of a “C” average in all subjects prior to the start of the activity and maintain it throughout the activity period. The final marking period of a school year will determine eligibility for fall activities.

Students who are in danger of failing mid-marking period shall be notified of their grades on the Progress Report which can result in activity restriction per the Eligibility Criteria.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Students receiving less than a “C” in any core academic subject areas or special subject area are ineligible to participate in sports and co-curricular activities. Status may be reviewed throughout the marking period and eligibility will be re-instated at the discretion of the Chief School Administrator utilizing the following criterion:

1. Scholastic grades on individual tests, quizzes and other teacher-graded assignments are a “C” or better.
2. Homework is completed.
3. Students will be on a probationary period for one complete marking period.

### **Attendance**

The district's attendance policy shall also apply.

### **Implementation**

The Chief School Administrator 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 affirmative action requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the chief school administrator's discretion.

### **Key Words**

Extracurricular Activities, Co-curricular Activities, Student Activities,  
Pupil Activities

### **Legal References:**

N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

Law Against Discrimination

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3

Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals

N.J.S.A. 18A:19-14

Funds derived from pupil activities

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-20 Participation in courses in which verbalization  
 unessential to understanding of subject matter;  
 location of and children in bilingual programs  
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5, -6 Certain student organizations declared harmful ...  
N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq. New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act  
N.J.A.C. 6:3-8.1 et seq. Athletics Procedures  
N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.1 Review of mandated programs and  
 services  
N.J.A.C. 6:11-3.24 Athletics personnel  
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1 et seq. Managing for Equality and Equity in  
 Education  
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.2 Career awareness and exploration  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 Required student medical examinations  
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. 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)  
 NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations  
Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (September  
 2002)

## **Possible**

### **Cross References:**

1210 Community organizations  
 1320 Participation in out of school community  
 activities  
 1322 Contests for pupils  
 2224 Nondiscrimination/affirmative action  
 3453 School activity funds  
 4143 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 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

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