

Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities

Definitions

An “activity” means any event/activity which involves performance, is voluntary for the participants, and is designed to assist the students in developing additional skills/attitudes regarding logical extensions of the school curriculum.

“Extracurricular” means any district-sponsored activity which is neither an accredited course nor an extension of an accredited course.

A “cocurricular event” means any event or activity which is a scheduled class learning experience, is curriculum related, is a required activity for the entire class and is taught/supervised by the regular classroom teacher will have the needed expenditure request included in the school’s general fund budget by program designation if approved.

A “club” means any organization for the purpose of special interest groups, leisurely activity or personal growth and whose membership is voluntary by both the student and advisor, whose meetings/activities are held at times other than during class time (except in some instances involving vocational clubs), and where funding for such activities will be entirely by principal-approved fund-raising efforts by the participants. Such organizations must be approved by the administration and associated student body.

Guidelines

Any student who participates in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity is deemed to be a representative of the district. As such, each student is bound and obligated to behave in such a manner as to reflect credit on the activity and the school alike. Please refer to Board policy IGDJA for specific behavioral and eligibility expectations.

Participants

1. Participants in the respective activities will be subject to the policies governing the activity. Participation in competition is at the discretion of the supervisor in charge of the activity.
2. Dress and grooming of participants shall be in accordance with the Student Conduct Code/and requirements of the supervisor in charge.
3. The insurance plan offered by the school may be obtained or a waiver form signed by the participant’s parents must be on file. In the event of extenuating circumstances that prohibits or otherwise causes a parent not to have their child covered by insurance, the parent may petition the Board for permission to be excluded from these requirements.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that each participant be aware of Board policy and administrative regulations governing that activity.

Travel

1. Travel for all activities shall be within the limits of budget funds. Such travel shall be approved by the principal or athletic director and scheduled in advance and may include provisions for additional involvement at the state or national level when participants qualify.
2. Special invitational events that are not usual and customary and for which there are no budgeted funds may be supported by special fund-raising projects if approved in advance by the Board. Such funds will be entered and withdrawn through the student body account or an auditable alternative. Administrative regulations will be developed which will establish a process for approval.

Evaluation

Evaluation of each activity and its supervision sponsored within his/her building is the responsibility of the building administrator or athletic director. Each coach will receive a minimum of one formal evaluation per activity each year at the high school and middle school levels; and elementary coaches at a minimum will be evaluated once each year.

New Activity Requests

For outside organizations requesting the inclusion of a new activity, the following criteria will be used:

1. The request shall be submitted on the district form used for all new programs;
2. There will be a minimum period of time of two years established in which the sponsoring organization has to provide evidence that the activity is sustainable and that viable competition and facilities can be arranged;
3. The district will enter into a trial period of two years when 50 percent of the Conference is already participating in or committed to the proposed activity.
4. The district may provide partial funding, depending on the budgeting process, after acceptance and when the activity begins the two year trial period. The funding will be established by determining the appropriate salary of the coach(s), registration fees and a transportation amount not to exceed \$1,000.