

Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities

The Board recognizes cocurricular and extracurricular activities, when properly planned and conducted in an appropriate, safe environment, represent an essential part of the educational experience and are recommended by the administration. Students who participate in cocurricular and extracurricular activities must be members of the Associated Student Body organization. It is the Board's goal to provide each student with a balanced program of academic studies, cocurricular and extracurricular activities to be determined by the Board in cooperation with the school, the parents and the students.

Definitions:

“Cocurricular” means any activities or organizations arising out of and in direct support of a course taught as part of approved district curriculum.

“Extracurricular” means athletics and activities that are school-based but are not directly related to the curriculum. Extracurricular activities may be sanctioned by either the Oregon School Activities Association or the Board.

“Special Interest Clubs” means voluntary student-organized clubs not directly related to the instructional program, but not in conflict with district curricular programs that may meet on school premises during non-instructional time pursuant to the provisions of the Equal Access Act and to the terms of this policy. If the content of such a club's meetings is religious in nature, school staff may attend only in a non-participatory manner. Staff may be assigned to attend such meetings for custodial purposes only, but will not be compelled to attend a meeting if the content of the speech at the meetings is contrary to that person's belief. Special interest clubs are not eligible for district financial support.

District-sponsored cocurricular and extracurricular activities will be organized, supervised activities conducted under the auspices of the district. The activities will take place on district property or a location approved by the district and will primarily involve students in other than classroom situations.

The building principal will develop general guidelines for cocurricular/extracurricular and special interest clubs. Among other provisions, such guidelines will require the assignment of a least one faculty advisor.

The following may be considered cocurricular and extracurricular activities:

1. Student government and its related activities and organizations;
2. Musical festivals or contests, speaking activities and drama;
3. Organized activities which are part of interscholastic athletics;

4. All types of Board approved interscholastic competition;
5. Activities sanctioned by Oregon School Activities Association.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Havercamp v. Unified Sch. Dist. No. 380, 689 F. Supp. 1055 (D. Kan. 1986)

Westside Cmty. Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074 (2006).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2006); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2006).