Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5500 School Sponsored and Extracurricular Activities

5507 Extracurricular Activities

A. General Purpose

"Extracurricular activities" are defined as District-sponsored optional activities, including athletics, that are not for grade or credit.

Extracurricular activities, while an important part of the total school experience, are secondary to the academic program. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

Extracurricular activities do not include:

1. co-curricular activities such as band and choir, in which students must participate as part of the requirements for enrollment in and receiving a grade for a particular course; or

2. student-initiated, noncurricular student groups, which are permitted to hold meetings and events on school premises. These groups are not school-sponsored and are governed by Policies 3304 and 5510.

B. Governance

The District has exclusive control over extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, formation, naming, structure, operation, financing, and discontinuance.

Students and sponsors are governed by all Policies, applicable codes of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations.

Extracurricular groups may use District facilities consistent with Policy 3304.

C. Student Eligibility

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. Participation is open to students who meet the eligibility requirements established by the District and any applicable governing body.

Students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities must abide by Board Policy, applicable codes of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations. A student's failure to comply with Board Policy, applicable codes of conduct, and any other applicable rules or behavioral expectations may result in disciplinary action and exclusion from extracurricular activities.

Students who participate in interscholastic athletics may not use performance-enhancing substances. Performance-enhancing substances include

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any substance banned by the NCAA. Students who use performance-enhancing substances may be disciplined and excluded from the activity.

D. Advisors and Coaches

Each extracurricular activity must have an advisor or coach who is a District employee or a selected community member who is qualified by virtue of education, training, experience, or special interest to serve as the advisor or coach, as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee will assign activity advisors and athletic coaches. Advisors and coaches serve at the will of the Superintendent, who may remove an activity advisor or athletic coach in the Superintendent's sole discretion, absent contrary contractual provisions.

Sponsors may be required to develop materials, activities, and a budget; promote membership and participation; communicate with the building principal or designee, staff, students, and Parents; schedule meeting dates and locations; plan meaningful experiences; supervise students during activities; evaluate and make program recommendations; and submit a year-end report to the building principal or designee.

E. Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities must comply with Policy 5501.

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