

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Extension of Curriculum)

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Purpose

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

All learning experiences offered by the schools of this district – curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular, and interscholastic – should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the district's objectives.

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Definition

For purposes of this policy, "co-curricular activities" shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the board and are offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily be:

3177.2a      Marked by participation in band or chorus, and etc.

3177.2b      Available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate in and meet course prerequisites, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of prerequisite standards before they may be operable.

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Authority

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.

Any co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students except with the following exceptions:

3177.3a      The Board's responsibility for the provisions of supplies shall carry the same conditions as listed in the District and state prevailing guidelines.

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3177.3b Students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

3177.4 Eligibility

It shall be the policy of the Fairfield Area School District that students must meet the following criteria to participate in any co-curricular activity including, but not limited to, athletics, publications, musical, dramatic, and other organizations:

3177.4a Students who miss in excess of twenty (20) days in a school year without a medical excuse will be ineligible to participate immediately upon accruing the twentieth day of absence.

3177.4b. Students who participate in non-graded co-curricular activities such as show choir and jazz band must meet all requirements of this policy.

3177.4c All students must be present within 2 ½ hours from the start of the regular school day to participate in or attend any co-curricular activities unless excused for a medical or dental appointment substantiated by a doctor's verification and a note from the parents.

3177.4d Any student who receives any detention or any type of suspension will not be permitted to participate in or attend any co-curricular activities on the day the detention or suspension is served. Any student who receives a second suspension will not be permitted to participate in any activities off school district property for the remainder of that school year.

3177.5 Guidelines

All practices, games and other events related to co-curricular activities are automatically canceled when school is closed or dismissed early for inclement weather or emergency. This includes events scheduled on or off school premises.

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- 3177.5a Co-curricular events should never interfere adversely with the instructional program.
- 3177.5b All co-curricular activities, practices, and rehearsals must be scheduled and approved by the Principal's office.
- 3177.5c All co-curricular activities shall be adequately chaperoned by faculty sponsors or other adults.
- 3177.5d Students are subject to all District rules and regulations while attending or engaging in co-curricular activities.

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Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program that shall assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.

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