

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Intramural Sports and Clubs)

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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, “extra-curricular activities” shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily be:

3176.2a Marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution.

3176.2b Available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility 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 extra-curricular activities. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.

Any extra-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 extra-curricular activities at no cost to participating students except with the following exceptions:

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- 3176.3a The Board's responsibility for the provisions of supplies shall carry the same conditions as listed in the District and state prevailing guidelines.
- 3176.3b Students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at extra-curricular events and trips.
- 3176.3c Students who participate in club activities will be responsible for all or part of the cost including supplies and or related travel expenses.

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Eligibility

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

- 3176.4a To be eligible for extracurricular activities, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 65% during the first three weeks of a quarter.
- 3176.4b To be eligible for extracurricular activities, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 74% during the remainder of the quarter.
- 3176.4c An after-school, supervised tutoring session should be provided for ineligible students or students deemed at risk by coaches or the athletic/activities director. Ineligible students are strongly encouraged to use this service. For example, those students who have a GPA between 65 and 74 during the first three weeks of quarter would be considered at risk. It is recommended that this program be run in conjunction with the National Honor Society peer-tutoring program.
- 3176.4d Students, who do not achieve a cumulative GPA of 74% at the end of a quarter, will be ineligible for the first 15 school days of the following quarter beginning on the day report cards are issued. Students who do not achieve a GPA of 74% at the end of the school year will be ineligible for the first 15 days of the following year.

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- 3176.4e Any student who becomes ineligible for a total of four weeks during an extracurricular event, such as a play, will be dismissed from activity. A student involved in a full-year extra-curricular activity can be reinstated at the beginning of the next semester.
- 3176.4f Students who miss in excess of twenty (20) days in school year without a medical excuse will be ineligible to participate immediately upon accruing the twentieth day of absence.
- 3176.4g All students must be present within 2 ½ hours from the start of the regular school day to participate in or attend any extra-curricular activities unless excused for a medical or dental appointment substantiated by a doctor's verification and a note from the parents.
- 3176.4h Any student who receives any detention or any type of suspension will not be permitted to participate in or attend any extra-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 or attend any extra-curricular activities for the remainder of that season or the marking period, whichever is greater.

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Guidelines

All practices, games and other events related to extra-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.

- 3176.5a The Director of an extracurricular activity must provide a list of participating students to the athletic/activities director two weeks prior to an event, or the start of practice for an event, so that they can be included on eligibility lists given to teachers.
- 3176.5b Extra-curricular events should never interfere adversely with the instructional program.

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- 3176.5c All extra-curricular activities, practices, and rehearsals must be scheduled and approved by the Principal's office.
- 3176.5d All extra-curricular activities shall be adequately chaperoned by faculty sponsors or other adults.
- 3176.5e Students are subject to all District rules and regulations while attending or engaging in extra-curricular activities.
- 3176.5f All clubs, organizations, and groups, shall have the right to establish reasonable and appropriate constitutions, by-laws, and standards for membership to govern their activities, but no student shall be denied participation in an extra-curricular activity because of race, creed, or color.

3176.6 Delegation of Responsibility
The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement an extra curricular program that shall assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.