

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: COCURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

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Farrell Area School District

122. COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Purpose

SC 511

The Board recognizes values to be gained from properly supervised co-curricular activities as a part of the total school program. The Board desires that such activities, properly supervised and kept in proper perspective, be retained in the school program in order to give students opportunities for experiences not possible in classroom activities. Emphasis should be placed on increasing student enrollment in the passing problems of society and determining outstanding ways to involve students in the day-to-day decisions facing schools.

Pol. 123

It is the Board's intent to limit the amount of time these activities take students away from school during school hours or away from studies on school nights. This policy is applied in such areas as scheduling of interscholastic contests; meetings and trips involving school organizations; and in-school activities such as meetings, initiations, and intramural programs.

The Board believes that nonschool organizations should be strictly limited in any activities which affect students during the school day or which affect the school program.

2. Definition

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation.



3. Authority

SC 511
P.L. 98-377

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

Any co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of the Board of Education as approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

The Board shall maintain the program of cocurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:

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The Board's responsibility for the provisions of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.

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

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:

assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.

involve students in the planning of cocurricular activities.

be responsive to the articulated needs of students.

ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff.

guard against the exploitation of students.

provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models.

provide for the continuing evaluation of the cocurricular program.



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ensure that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the co-curricular opportunities open to them.

5. Guidelines

Equal Access Act

P.L. 98-377

The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for one or more noncurriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as felt reasonably necessary.

The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that the attendance of students at such meetings is on a voluntary basis.