

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in co-curricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103, 103.1</p>	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>The Board encourages students to pursue clubs and interests that may not be related directly to any of the curriculum programs offered in the district. In pursuit of such goal and in compliance with law, the Board maintains a limited open forum in which students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the curriculum, regardless of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech related to such activities.</p> <p>Any co-curricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.</p>
<p>Pol. 110</p>	<p>The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except for 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.</p>

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<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Student Discipline</u></p> <p>Students participating in co-curricular activities are subject to discipline as set forth in Policy 218.</p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and that would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. 2. The student is a member of a co-curricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. 6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate procedures to implement the co-curricular program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of co-curricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to the students of this district.

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<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et. seq</p>	<p>2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and community in developing co-curricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>3. Involves students in the developing and planning of co-curricular activities.</p> <p>4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff.</p> <p>5. Guards against exploitation of students.</p> <p>6. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.</p> <p>7. Provides for continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program and its components</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p>	<p>8. Ensures 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.</p>
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide students the opportunity for 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.</p> <p>Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during lunch time.</p> <p>The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations deemed reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order 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.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 110, 218