

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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<p>1. Purpose SC 511</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 5.217</p> <p>3. Authority SC 511 P.L. 98-377</p> <p>Pol. 110</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools of this district - curricular and co-curricular - should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the district's objectives.</p> <p>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. Such activities shall ordinarily be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution. 2. Available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate; except that 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. <p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and 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 shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that 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; and 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>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.2. Involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities.3. Be responsive to the articulated needs of students.4. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff.5. Guard against the exploitation of students.6. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.7. 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.
<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>P.L. 98-377</p>	<p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>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.</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 his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as felt reasonably necessary.</p> <p>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.</p>

Eligibility

Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who do not meet expected academic standards will not be permitted to participate in or attend co-curricular activities.

Students must be present in school during the day of the activity to be eligible to participate in or attend said activity. Habitual tardiness will also result in the student being barred from activities.

In addition, the administration has the responsibility to suspend from co-curricular activities any student whose attendance would be, in the judgment of the administration, detrimental either to the students themselves or to the school.