

BERWICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

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122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board believes that the district's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the schools.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and extracurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.</p> <p>Participation by students in extracurricular activities and organizations, therefore, shall be encouraged.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, extracurricular 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</p>	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p>
<p>Pol. 110</p>	<p>1. The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.</p>

<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>2. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular 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, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program.</p> <p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students. 2. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff. 3. Guards against exploitation of students. 4. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models. 5. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components. 6. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.
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<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide secondary 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 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 designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other 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 student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1. 12.4</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 110, 218</p>
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