

Series 6000 – Instruction

1. Elementary and Secondary

D. Curriculum

(5) Interscholastic Competition/Extracurricular Programs

Purpose

It is the intent of the Board of Education to provide within budgetary limitations a comprehensive, well planned and well balanced extracurricular program for students. Each extracurricular program shall be managed to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide a wide basis of participation in extracurricular activities in an atmosphere that safeguards the health, safety, and general welfare of all participants;
2. Foster the development of positive attitudes of pride, and ethical behavior in student participants;
3. Encourage participation in available extracurricular activities by providing sufficient opportunities for students to develop individual interests and abilities;
4. Develop and maintain a good relationship between extracurricular activities and the student body, faculty, administration, and community;
5. Provide students with the awareness of potential opportunities for human development afforded them through participation in extracurricular activities, including self-discipline, loyalty, leadership, self-confidence, and development of lifelong pursuits; and
6. Develop positive working relationships that foster good citizenship by advisors, student participants and parents.

Opportunity and Equity

Each extracurricular program shall be available on an equal basis to all students regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, social or economic status.

Context

Extracurricular activities shall be defined as school sponsored programs that occur before or after regular school hours as an extension of the school educational program. The Board believes strongly that extracurricular activities are an integral part of the overall educational experience. Therefore, it is the aim of the Board to offer as wide a range of extracurricular activities as possible in the hope that students will become directly involved in programs and events that focus on and support the academic, social, emotional and community goals of the schools.

Program Management

Programs shall be conducted in accordance with CIAC (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference) rules and regulations. Appropriately certified and qualified personnel shall be selected for coaching and supervisory positions. Management of athletic programs shall be the responsibility of the Athletic Director. Responsibility of all Extracurricular Activities is the Superintendent or his or her designee.

Good sportsmanship and good mental and physical health shall be the primary components of extracurricular programs. Interscholastic athletic activities shall not be scheduled on Sunday unless necessary to comply with CIAC scheduling exigencies.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-220](#) Duties of boards of education.

[10-221](#) Boards of education to prescribe rules.

[10-233e](#) Notice as to disciplinary policies and action.

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