

**COCURRICULAR AND INTERSCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS AND EQUAL ACCESS**

The Board believes that student activities not directly related to the body of courses offered by the school are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes team work, good human relations and sportsmanship as well as knowledge and skills.

Therefore, the schools shall provide a broad and balanced program of activities sponsored by a member of the faculty or administration and geared to the various ages, interests, and needs of students. The school shall not sponsor activities which advocate particular religious, political, or philosophical beliefs or ideas, or which are adversarial or subversive in nature.

The school shall also provide equal access and a fair opportunity for all student groups to organize and to meet on school premises for student initiated activities, including activities not related to the curriculum, during the times established by the school for such meetings. Any such activities shall be non-sponsored. The school will not discriminate against any activities on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of speech at the meetings of such activities, but the school shall not be identified or associated with the goals, objectives, activities, beliefs, or opinions of any non-sponsored activity or its members. The school may prohibit a non-sponsored student activity if there is a reasonable apprehension, based upon substantiated facts, that the meeting would materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities. Furthermore, the school may assign a monitor for each non-sponsored activity which is permitted to meet on school premises. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

No student shall be deprived of participation in or admission to activities because of his inability to pay fees or expenses involved.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement this policy by establishing written guidelines for sponsored and non-sponsored activities. The guidelines shall comply with the Equal Access Act.

Legal Reference: Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071-4074

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CROSS REFS.: IGDI/IGDJ, Intramural Programs/Interscholastic Athletics

IICA, Field Trips

JFC-R, Student Conduct (At School Activities and on School Sponsored Trips)

KMD, Relations With Churches