

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS / CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The Board of Education recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in the extracurricular life of the school, and supports the concept of the formation of student groups for such purposes as building sound social relationships, developing interests in an academic area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.

The Superintendent of Schools, with the aid of students, faculty and administration, is charged with developing procedures for registering and regulating student groups or clubs. Such procedures shall ensure that the District will register any group organized for a purpose not prohibited by Board policy or by law, if such group submits a list of its members designated as contacts, a copy of its constitution and/or bylaws, and the constitution and bylaws of any off-campus organization with which it may be affiliated. Student groups may not restrict membership on the basis of race, sex, national origin or other arbitrary criteria.

The Board prohibits the formation of any clubs or activities whose deliberations and activities have caused or created, or are likely to cause or create, a disruption of or interference with the school program.

Administrative regulations governing the use of school facilities shall abide by the Equal Access Act in the creation of a "limited open forum". All non-curricula related student activities, regardless of religious or political content, shall have the same opportunities as any other such activity to operate on school grounds.

Annual reports will be completed which include participation, advisor time commitment, and contact time. An activities summary shall be developed with the Human Resources Department and turned in at the end of each semester or sports season. The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will review the reports and make recommendations to the Board of Education based upon the data and information. The Director of Human Resources will review advisor job descriptions and club descriptions annually.

Co-Curricular Activity Positions

Compensation for co-curricular activity positions is based on the value of each point which is negotiated under the South Colonie Teachers' Association (SCTA) contract. A summary of positions, points, and compensation rates will be updated on an annual basis on the "Compensated Co-Curricular Positions" form. This information may be obtained from the Human Resources Department.

Cross-Reference: 5252, Student Activities Funds Management

Reference: Education Law §§ 207; 1709-a; 2503-a; 2554-a
Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C.A. §§ 4071-4074
8 NYCRR Part 172
Matter of Jimenez, 9 EDR 172
Board of Education of the Westside Community Schools v. Mergens,
No. 88-1597 (U.S. June 4, 1990)
Garnett by Smith v. Renton School District No. 403,
865 F.2d 1121 (9th Circuit, 1989)
Thompson v. Waynesboro Area School District,
673 F.Supp. 1379 (1987)
Student Coalition v. Lower Merion School District Board,
663 F.Supp. 1040 (1986)
Tinker v. DesMoines Independent Community School District

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