

DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

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122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose	<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 co-curricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, co-curricular 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>
3. Authority SC 511 Pol. 103 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of co-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Any co-curricular 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>Each year a full report shall be given to the Board before the adoption of the budget and the Board shall decide on the implementation of the co-curricular programs.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p>
Pol. 110	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323, 5333 Pol. 123.1, 123.2</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>3. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable. (See Policy 122.1 Eligibility for Co-Curricular Activities.)</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>Students should adhere to the Code of Student Conduct if participating in co-curricular activities off school property. Violations of the code occurs 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 conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. 3. The student is a member of a co-curricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. <p>Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet. 2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate procedures to implement the co-curricular activities program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p> <p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of co-curricular activities:</p>
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20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and community in developing co-curricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.3. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.4. Guards against exploitation of students.5. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.6. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.7. Ensures that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.
20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq	<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, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.</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>

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	<p>Board Policy – 000, 103, 103.1, 110, 123.1, 123.2, 218</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>Safety in Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.</p> <p>Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq. State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p>
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