

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose SC 511	<p>The Board believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom curricula program of the school.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools of this district, both curricular and co-curricular, should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the district's objectives.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board.</p> <p>Such activities shall ordinarily be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day. 2. Marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution. 3. Available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate, except that where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they may be operable. 4. Shall ordinarily include intramural sports, clubs, band, and chorus.
3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p>

<p>Pol. 110</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>The club life in the schools shall be arranged so as not to interfere with regular school schedules, and the expenses of each activity shall be limited to the amount commensurate with collections.</p> <p>The organization, management, supervision, control or financing of any organization, club, society or group of any class or school must first be approved by the Board before the organization can function. Any employee or pupil who violates this rule or regulation will be punished by suspension, dismissal, or other reasonable penalty set by the Board.</p> <p>The district will attempt not to schedule activities on Wednesday nights, when avoidable.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board's responsibility for the provisions 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 of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips. <p>The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this district. 2. Involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities. 3. Be responsive to the articulated needs of students. 4. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff. 5. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models. 6. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program. 7. Ensure that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the co-curricular opportunities open to them.
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<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 204</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>Students must be passing five (5) major subjects (full-credit subjects or the equivalent) to be eligible for participation in co-curricular activities. If a student is not passing five (5) major subjects or the equivalent, s/he will be ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities.</p> <p>Students absent from school are not eligible to participate in co-curricular activities for that day.</p> <p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide students the opportunity for one (1) or more non-curriculum 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 the 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 his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as felt reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that the attendance of students at such meetings is on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511</p> <p>Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 110, 204</p>
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