

Student Activities**TO BE ENCOURAGED**

Student activities of an educational nature shall be encouraged and maintained, based upon the needs and interests of pupils.

In schools operating under SBDM, the council shall determine selection of extracurricular activities, as well as academic qualifications, attendance requirements, evaluation procedures, and supervision for these programs.

CONTROL

All school-sponsored student activities shall be under the direction of the Principal and faculty of the school, except that a nonfaculty coach or nonfaculty assistant may accompany students on athletic trips as provided in statute.¹

The Principal may suspend a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, pending investigation of any allegation that the student has violated either the District behavior standards or the school council's criteria for participation.²

CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR DEFINITIONS

Extra-curricular activities shall include activities that involve students as representatives of their organization or school in local, state, or national events and competitions.

Co-curricular activities shall include, but are not limited to, athletics, clubs and organizations, drama, band and chorus.

Only students who are enrolled in and regularly attend the District's schools may "tryout" for or participate in school-sponsored inter-/intra- scholastic sports and or other extracurricular/co-curricular activities.

Exception: Students in grades 1-8 who are enrolled in a private school of fewer than 300 students and located within the District's boundaries, may "tryout" for or participate in school-sponsored inter-/intra- scholastic sports with parental permission and appropriate insurance coverage or school coverage. Additionally, private school students who make the team must follow the same behavior, academic, and attendance requirements set forth by the school.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities shall have an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities, including, but not limited to, extracurricular athletics, intramural athletics, and clubs.

NOTE: The District may require a level of skill or ability of a student in order for that student to participate in a selective or competitive program or activity, so long as the selection or competition criteria are not discriminatory.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 161.185

²KRS 158.153

KRS 158.183; KRS 161.180; KRS 620.146

702 KAR 7:125; 702 KAR 7:140; OAG 57-408120

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

RELATED POLICIES:

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

09.3211; 09.36; 09.438