

## **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 student on athletic trips as provided in statute.<sup>1</sup> In addition, only students who are enrolled may participate in the cocurricular activities of the school.

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.<sup>2</sup>

### **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.

### **LIMITATIONS**

Students who have been suspended will not be allowed to participate in school activities during the period of suspension.

Any junior high student who has been retained shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. With regard to interscholastic competition, such student may practice, but not compete with, an athletic squad.

### **CRITERIA (GRADES 9-12)**

The following criteria for participation shall only apply to SBDM schools in the absence of council policy that establishes school criteria or when the council chooses to adopt criteria established by the Board:

In order to participate in extracurricular activities at the high school level, a student must be passing a minimum of five (5) subjects in the current grading period.

**Student Activities****SCHEDULING LIMITATIONS**

District facilities owned, operated, or leased by Pikeville Independent Schools will have the following limitations:

- Facilities will not be available and District employees or volunteers representing Pikeville Independent Schools shall not schedule or conduct games, competitions, or practices that involve district students after 6:00 PM on Wednesday evenings.
- Facilities will be available to school programs on Sundays only between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM and District employees or volunteers representing Pikeville Independent Schools may schedule practices or team activities if the following conditions are met:
  - The coach or sponsor has received verbal permission from the building Principal;
  - The team or organization is in season at the time of the request; and
  - The team or organization has a regular competition on Monday or a postseason activity within the following seven (7) day period.

Coaches and sponsors shall abide by the KHSAA heat, lightening and severe weather guidelines at <http://khsaa.org/coaches-officials/sports-safetysports-medicine/>.

Waivers to this policy must be submitted to the school one week prior to the requested participation date and must be signed by the building Principal or Assistant Principal AND the Superintendent or designee. The only exceptions to a request being made a week in advance is in cases of seeded competitions or those at the varsity level that all other date options have been exhausted.

The Board may grant exceptions for students to participate in tournaments, games, and competitions whose dates are set by groups or persons other than District employees or volunteers.

**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>KRS 161.185  
<sup>2</sup>KRS 158.153  
KRS 158.183; KRS 161.180; KRS 620.146  
702 KAR 7:125; 702 KAR 7:140  
OAG 57-40812  
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

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