

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The School Committee believes that student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations and knowledge and skills. Therefore, the schools will provide a broad and balanced program of activities geared to the various ages, interests, and needs of students.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities sponsored by the district are nondiscriminatory in that:

- 1) All such activities do not exclude students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, creed, homelessness, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability; and
- 2) The school provides equal opportunity for all students to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports.

The following will serve as guides in the organization of student activities:

1. The schools will observe a complementary relationship to the home and community, planning activities with due regard for the widespread and rich facilities already available to students.
2. The assistance of parents in planning activity programs will be encouraged.
3. The goal for each student will be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents, and the student. This should be a shared responsibility.
4. Guidance will be offered to encourage participation of all students in appropriate activities and to prevent over-emphasis on extracurricular activities at the cost of academic performance.
5. All activities will be supervised; all clubs and groups will have a faculty advisor.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:47
603 CMR 26:06(1) as amended by Chapter 199 of the Acts of 2011

CROSS REF.: JJA, Student Organizations