

PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The School Committee believes that the public school exists to serve all island students and extends this offer of participation to students attending island private & independent schools in that spirit. It is further hoped that this position will be reciprocated by island private & independent schools in order that all island students will benefit from the sharing of our rich resources.

The Nantucket Public Schools welcomes the participation of students attending island private and independent schools in its extracurricular and curricular offerings as follows:

- Extracurricular
 - All extracurricular activities
 - Where appropriate, in keeping with MIAA rules and regulations
 - Using the same academic, social and financial expectations as for public school students with the following exception:
 - When the Administration of the public school deems the participation of private school students to represent a significant financial burden they will request of the sending school proportional participation in expenses. This can be in the form of cash or an in-kind contribution
 - Using the same participation procedures as for public school students including eligibility requirements and student code of conduct.
- Curricular
 - Using the same academic, social and financial expectations as for public school students
 - Participation in school day programming will be on a space available basis as determined by the Public School Administration

Implementation of this policy will be the responsibility of the Public School administration and all program offerings, inquiries and sign-ups will be coordinated by and through both public and private school administration.

When issues arise related to this policy which can not be adequately addressed by the procedures outlined, a workgroup made up of board and administrative representatives from the schools involved will convene to address the issue by agreeing on a solution, if it is within the purview of those present, or referring the matter, with a recommendation, to the governing School Committee and or private or independent school board

The School Committee encourages island private and independent schools to develop policies which mirror, where in their judgment appropriate, the spirit of this policy.

Private Schools

In accordance with state law, the School Committee will approve a private school when it is satisfied that the instructional program of the school equals that of the town's public schools in thoroughness, efficiency, and progress made.

The Committee recognizes that many worthwhile contributions are made to this community by parochial and other private schools. Therefore, it will cooperate with these schools in matters of mutual benefit when law does not expressly prohibit this cooperation.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 40:4E; 71:48; 71:71D; 71B:4; 74:4 through 74:7A; 76:1

CROSS REFS.: IHBG, Home Schooling