HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

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		122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
1.	Purpose	The Board believes that the district's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the schools.
		All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and extracurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.
2.	Definition	For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.
		Extracurricular activities shall ordinarily include intramural sports, band and clubs.
3.	Authority SC 511 Pol. 103 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq	The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.
		Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Superintendent and reported to the Board for its information and review.
		The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:
	Pol. 110	1. The Board's responsibility for provision of materials shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school materials.

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	2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.
	3. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program.
5. Guidelines	Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:
	1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.
20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq	2. Invites the participation of parents and community in developing of extracurricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.
	3. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.
	4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
	5. Guards against exploitation of students.
	6. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
	7. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
	8. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.
Pol. 137	9. Offers students enrolled in home education programs the opportunity to participate.
	Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be revoked as part of a disciplinary action.

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Equal Access Act

20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for noncurriculum 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 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.

The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.

The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.

School Code 511

20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq

Board Policy 103, 110