

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p> <p>24 P.S. Sec. 5322, 5332</p> <p>3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103, 103.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, an athletic activity shall mean all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the school, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations. 2. Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the school. 3. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities. <p>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.</p>
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<p>Pol. 110</p>	<p>The Board encourages secondary level students to pursue clubs and interests that may not be related directly to any of the curriculum programs offered in the district. In pursuit of such goal and in compliance with law, the Board maintains a limited open forum in which secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the curriculum, regardless of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech related to such activities.</p> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Superintendent upon recommendation of the building principal and approved by the Board.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at such cost as may be determined by the Board to participating students from time to time., except that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board’s responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies. 2. Students may be asked to assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school or the school sponsored activity or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school or the school-sponsored activity. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323, 5333 Pol. 123.1, 123.2</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</p> <p>6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet. 2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet. 3. Student and Parent Code of Conduct forms. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement the extracurricular activities program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p> <p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students. 2. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff. 3. Guards against exploitation of students. 4. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models. 5. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components. <p>Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.</p> <p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Pol. 222</p>	<p>Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.</p> <p>The meetings of student groups cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Attendance Requirements</u></p> <p>Students involved in extracurricular activities must attend school the day of the scheduled event or on Friday if the scheduled event occurs on the weekend. Students who are absent for a portion of the day or tardy must present an excuse for the absence or tardiness upon returning to school, or they will be declared ineligible for the event that day. The absence must be an excused absence from a doctor or other established provider or any other excused absence under the school's attendance policy.</p> <p><u>Transportation to/from Activities</u></p> <p>Students must use school-provided transportation to and from all school activities requiring transportation. For liability purposes, the only exception to the regulation is that a student may ride or drive home with a parent/guardian with prior approval by the administration. A written request is to be submitted to the office the morning of the event, checked for validity by the office, and a copy given to the coach.</p> <p><u>Tobacco Use Violations</u></p> <p>Any use or possession of tobacco shall be prohibited, as outlined in Board policy.</p> <p>The following additional penalties shall be prescribed for students participating in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics who violate this policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. First offense - One (1) week suspension from the team/activity.2. Second offense - Dismissal from the team/activity.
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<p>Pol. 227</p>	<p>3. Third offense - Will result in a one (1) year suspension from all extracurricular activities/interscholastic athletics and referral to the Student Assistance Team for counseling.</p> <p><u>Controlled Substance Violations</u></p> <p><u>First Offense, compliant</u> A violation of this section for the first time will result in a 5 day school suspension, mandatory parent conferencing, a 30 day ban from participation in all school and extra-curricular activities, police notification, Student Assistance Program referral, referral for drug and alcohol evaluation, and compliance with the recommendations from the drug and alcohol evaluation.</p> <p>If a student response in this violation is non-compliant and the student and/or parent(s)/guardian refuse to conference and/or be drug tested and/or follow the suggested drug and alcohol treatment plan, the student will be automatically removed to an alternative education setting for a minimum of 45 days, with an accompanying ban from school and extra-curricular activities. The board may place reasonable conditions upon his/her return to school including, but not limited to successful completion of the drug and alcohol treatment plan and a clean drug screen test.</p> <p><u>Second Offense, compliant</u> A violation of this section for the second time will result in a 10 day school suspension, mandatory parent conferencing, a 60 day ban from participation in all school and extra-curricular activities, police notification, Student Assistance Program referral, required drug and alcohol evaluation, and compliance with the recommendations from the drug and alcohol evaluation.</p> <p>If a student response in this violation is non-compliant and the student and/or parent(s)/guardian refuse to conference and/or be drug tested and/or follow the suggested drug and alcohol treatment plan, the student will be automatically removed to an alternative education setting for a minimum of 45 days, with an accompanying ban from school and extra-curricular activities. The board may place reasonable conditions upon his/her return to school including, but not limited to successful completion of the drug and alcohol treatment plan and a clean drug screen test.</p> <p><u>Third/Subsequent Offense</u> Subsequent violation will result in placement to an alternative education setting for a minimum of 45 days and may result in expulsion, mandatory parent conferencing, a one year ban from participation in all school and extra-curricular activities, police notification, Student Assistance Program referral, required drug and alcohol evaluation, and compliance with the recommendations from the drug and alcohol evaluation.</p>
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The board may place reasonable conditions upon his/her return to school including, but not limited to successful completion of a D&A treatment plan and a clean drug screen test.

Exceptions: The district superintendent may recommend a discipline shorter or longer in duration when taking into account the following factors: the type and quantity of drug involved; whether or not the violation involved possession as opposed to delivery or sale; whether evidence indicates the violation may have been an ongoing course of conduct or a single occurrence; whether the violation involved violence or threat of violence; relevant prior record of the student; age of the student; whether the student and his/her parents have cooperated in drug treatment and rehabilitation programs recommended by the district; and, other relevant and material facts existing on a case-by-case basis.

Summer Practice Sessions

The Board recognizes the need for student organizations to prepare for school-related activities prior to the beginning of the fall school term, and the need for the importance of family-related summer activities.

Mandatory practice sessions for student organizations, prior to the commencement of the school term, shall require the prior written approval of the building principal.

No student organization shall practice on school property or under the auspices of the district without a coach, advisor or director present.

No student organization shall practice at a time or date or in excess of the time authorized and permitted by applicable regulatory authorities, including but not limited to the Board, the League in which the team participates, and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The building principal shall retain the authority to cancel or postpone any summer practice session that will disrupt the maintenance procedures necessary to open the fall school term.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.

Board Policy – 000, 103, 103.1, 110, 123.1, 123.2, 218