

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

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122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and extracurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities shall be those programs that are sponsored 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>3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103</p>	<p>The Board shall make school facilities 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> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.</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.</p>
<p>Pol. 110</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. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.

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<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</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. Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The meetings 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 that day. Students who are absent or tardy must present an excuse for the absence or tardiness upon returning to school, or they will be declared ineligible for the team's (club or activity) next scheduled event, whether it is a practice, meeting or contest.</p> <p>Students must use school-provided transportation to and from all functions/games/meets 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>
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<p>Pol. 222</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, if in season. - One (1) week suspension from the team/activity for next year's season, if out of season.2. Second offense - Dismissal from the team/activity, if in season. - Exclusion from the team/activity for one (1) season, if out of season.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>Pol. 227</p>	<p><u>Controlled Substance Violations</u></p> <p>A student participating in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics who violates Board policy on controlled substance abuse will immediately be suspended from all extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics for one (1) year. However, successful completion of a SAP Team recommended program may be considered to reduce the suspension to not less than four (4) weeks in length. A second offense will result in loss of all extracurricular privileges, including attendance to any school-sponsored activities for one calendar year.</p> <p><u>Summer Practice Sessions</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mandatory practice sessions for student organizations, prior to the commencement of the school term, shall require the prior written approval of the building principal.</p> <p>No student organization shall practice on school property or under the auspices of the district without a coach, advisor or director present.</p>

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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:

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

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

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

Board Policy – 103, 110, 218, 222, 227