

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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TITLE: Middle and High School Co-Curricular/Extracurricular/Athletic/Supplemental Programs

POLICY:

(1) Definitions. For the purposes of this policy the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "Athletic Program": Interschool sporting programs on the middle/high school level.
- (b) "Co-Curricular Program/Activities": Activities tied to a course code that occur outside of the educational class period (ex: JROTC, band, theater, chorus, yearbook, etc.).
- (c) "Extracurricular Program/Activities": Activities organized outside of the educational class period intended to meet students' interests, supervised by a school employee (ex: Student Government Association, Chess Club, National Honor Society, Key Club, etc.).
- (d) "School-Sponsored Events or Activities": An event or activity of the school of enrollment created for students to participate in while in the custody of the school district; or field trips, extracurricular activities, or other supplemental programs and activities as defined in Rule 6A-10.085, Florida Administrative Code.¹
- (e) "Supplemental Program": Extra academic assistance, such as tutoring or remedial help, that is provided to students in any subject area, occurring before or after school, on weekends, or during the summer, where provided by or through the school district or on property owned or operated by the School Board of Orange County, Florida ("Board").

(2) General Requirements.

- (a) The co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic/supplemental program shall be considered an essential part of the total school program and shall be under the principal's direction and general supervision. The principal shall select the personnel to direct and to act as advisors for the various co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic/supplemental program activities. Care shall be exercised to limit the load assigned to any one employee.
- (b) The principal shall be responsible for determining each participant's eligibility for co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic/supplemental program activities. Any high school which allows an ineligible student to participate in athletic programs shall

¹ Mere attendance as a spectator at an event that is open to the public is not contemplated in the purview of this policy. For example, athletes participating in the school-sponsored event would be required to comply with all FHSAA rules, students who wish to join clubs, and students participating in performing arts events would all require permission from their parents/legal guardians; but students who are spectators attending as members of the public (i.e. at a football game, play, concert, etc.), and who are not active participants in such events, would not be required to provide permission from parents/legal guardians.

be subject to the penalties set forth by the bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association (“FHSAA”).

- (c) Students shall not be excluded from participating in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic/supplemental program activities for lack of money for dues, materials, or uniforms.
 - (d) Funds derived from co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic/supplemental program activities shall be processed according to the district accounting procedures.
 - (e) In order to participate in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic/supplemental programs, the student must adhere to Board policies, school-based criteria, the Rules and Regulations of the FHSAA (where applicable), and applicable law. The behavioral expectations placed upon the student by the school can extend beyond the classroom and school campus, to the extent such conduct occurring beyond the classroom and school campus causes a substantial disruption on the operation of the team and/or the school.
 - (f) Pursuant to Florida law, the Board has the authority to withhold the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities from students. Any student who commits a felony, is charged with or adjudicated guilty of a felony, or has a felony probation shall be excluded from participation in co-curricular/extracurricular activities and athletics for a period of up to one (1) calendar year or longer.
- (3) Eligibility for Co-curricular/Extracurricular/Athletic Activities.
- (a) For eligibility purposes, a grading period is defined as eighteen (18) calendar weeks regardless of the scheduling system used at a school. Students are only able to participate in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities at the school in which they are enrolled.
 - (b) Because the instructional needs of students and the instructional time required for meeting those needs take precedence over other school activities, instructional time will be protected. Consistent criteria for determining student eligibility for participation in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities, including co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities that are off-campus, those that involve competition and/or are part of a competitive event, or those that require participating students to miss class will be implemented and monitored.
 - (c) Students in grades 6 through 12 who fail to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or who fail to earn a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in the previous semester may not participate in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities that are off-campus, those that involve competition and/or are part of a competitive event or those that require participating students to miss class.
 - (d) Eligibility for participation in athletic activities governed by the FHSAA is determined by applying the current FHSAA criteria.
 - (e) Students in grades 6 through 12 who have been excluded from participation in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities because they failed to meet the grade

point average criteria set forth above, but meet the grade point average criteria in a subsequent grading period shall be eligible for participation in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities that are off-campus, those that involve competition and/or are part of a competitive event, or those that require participating students to miss class during the semester immediately following the attainment of the required grade point average.

- (f) A student who is exempt from attending a full school day under Section 1000.21 Florida Statutes, shall be eligible to participate in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities by passing each class in which enrolled and maintaining the appropriate grade point average as outlined above.
- (g) An individual home education student is eligible to participate in co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school attendance area policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:

Sections 1000.21; 1002.31; 1006.15; and 1006.20, Florida Statutes

Rules 6A-10.085 and 6A-10.089, Florida Administrative Code

TITLE: Dissemination of Information Regarding All Co-Curricular/Extracurricular/Athletic Activities at Each Middle and High School

POLICY:

The School Board of Orange County, Florida (“Board”) believes that information regarding co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activities should be disseminated in a timely and organized manner at every Orange County public middle and high school. As such, the Superintendent shall designate the appropriate staff responsible for:

- (1) Ensuring that adequate information about athletic and non-athletic co-curricular/extracurricular activities is available on a timely basis to all students in middle and high school. Timely notification shall be in advance of the commencement of each school year and/or in advance of the dates when students must engage in “tryouts” or otherwise must indicate their interest in participating in the co-curricular/extracurricular activity.
- (2) Coordinating with District leaders, principals, or any other administrators of high schools and middle schools to ensure that comprehensive lists of co-curricular activities, extracurricular activities, and athletic teams, etc., including official sponsor contact instructions and information about deadlines for expressing interest in participating, are prepared and updated on a timely basis.

- (3) Ensuring the comprehensive lists are made available in a written format at each middle and high school and that a link to the list is clearly provided for on each school's home page website.
- (4) Ensuring that the appropriate school administrators provide the comprehensive list, upon request, to any Parent Teacher Organization, Parent Teacher Association, or any interested parent/legal guardian or student at each middle school and high school.
- (5) Ensuring that information concerning each anticipated co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activity for the school year is distributed to students and parents/legal guardians at each middle and high school at the beginning of each school year. In order to comply with this provision, the school may include such information in the Parent Guide, the Code of Student Conduct, or any similar publication receipt of which must be acknowledged by parents/legal guardians.
- (6) Reviewing, during the first semester of each school year, the materials available at each school and on the school's website to ensure that each school complies and that the comprehensive list is accessible, accurate, and thorough.
- (7) Ensuring that at the beginning of each school year, the District utilizes its Connect Orange automated telephone call system, or a similar program of mass communication, to notify and remind all registered middle and high school students and parents/legal guardians of the availability of complete information about co-curricular/extracurricular/athletic activity opportunities at their school.
- (8) Providing to the Superintendent by no later than the conclusion of the second nine (9) week grading period a written summary of the compliance by all middle and high schools in the District with the requirements of this policy. The written summary shall thereafter be posted on the District's website, together with any comments or other information from the Superintendent on the subject.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Sections 1006.15 and 1006.20, Florida Statutes

TITLE: Well-Being of Students Participating in Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities and Athletic Programs

POLICY:

- (1) Each public school that is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association ("FHSA") must have an operational automated external defibrillator ("AED") on the school grounds.
 - (a) A school employee or volunteer with current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an AED must be present at each athletic event during and outside of the school year, including athletic contests, practices, workouts, and conditioning sessions. The training must include completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a basic first aid course that includes

cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and demonstrated proficiency in the use of an AED. Each employee or volunteer who is reasonably expected to use an AED must complete this training.

- (b) The location of each AED must be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director. Each employee or volunteer required to complete the training under paragraph (b) must annually be notified in writing of the location of each AED on school grounds.
- (c) The use of AEDs by employees and volunteers is covered under Sections 768.13 and 768.1325, Florida Statutes.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Sections 768.13; 768.1325; and 1006.165, Florida Statutes

TITLE: Parental Permission for Participation in School-Sponsored Events, Activities, and Supplemental Programs

POLICY:

- (1) Permission forms signed by a parent/legal guardian are required for participation in any school-sponsored event, extracurricular/co-curricular/athletic activity, or supplemental program.
- (2) Permission forms must include the following information:
 - (a) The nature of the event or activity.
 - (b) The dates(s) and times(s) of the event or activity.
 - (c) Specific locations(s) and type(s) of sponsors/guests at the event or activity.
 - (d) Method of student supervision provided, such as anticipated number of chaperones.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Sections 1014.04(1), Florida Statutes
Rule 6A-10.089, Florida Administrative Code

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