



Responsible Office: Office of the Deputy Superintendent

BOARD POLICY 5300

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) recognizes the importance of student participation in intra- and extra-curricular activities as an integral component of a student’s complete educational development in the Washoe County School District (“District”). Student participation in such activities encourages positive academic, social and emotional growth as well as physical fitness, wellness, and achievement. An effective activities program is the product of cooperation between students, their families, District staff and volunteers, and site/District administration.

POLICY

1. For the purposes of this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:
 - a. Intra-curricular (also known as co-curricular) refers to activities which are embedded in the curriculum of a class (i.e. Band, Drama, Future Business Leaders of America)
 - b. Extra-curricular refers to activities held during or after the completion of the academic school day, are not graded, do not offer credit, and are not connected to a curricular program (i.e. Honor Society).
2. Guiding Principles
 - a. The District offers a wide range of intra-curricular, extracurricular, District-recognized athletics, and District-sanctioned athletics to encourage student participation and enhance the learning environment.
 - b. The District provides equal access to participation for all students, regardless of race, color, national origin or ethnic group identification, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, age, disability, and/or socio-economic status.
 - c. Student activities are an extension of the classroom and provide teaching and learning experiences for all involved.

- d. Student activity programs play an integral part in the educational goals and success of student-participants. To this end, the District and its schools recognize their obligation to implement, monitor, and maintain activities that provide a positive outlet for student-participants.
 - e. This policy pertains to intra-curricular activities and extracurricular activities. For additional information on athletics and activities, refer to:
 - i. Board Policy 5325, District-Recognized Athletics; or
 - ii. Board Policy 5340, District-Sanctioned Athletics.
 - f. Student activities generally consist of student-based school groups which vary depending on the specific purpose of each respective club, team or organization. Such groups primarily focus on one of the following:
 - i. Elective Office
 - ii. Competitive Clubs
 - iii. Community Service
 - iv. Career Interest
 - v. Interpersonal or Group Dynamics
3. Guiding Practices
- a. The District, by supporting student activities, seeks to:
 - i. Implement, promote, and maintain sound protocols for the conditions under which students meet and/or compete;
 - ii. Ensure District and school clubs and organizations comply with District policies and regulations, to include equal access and anti-discrimination policies;
 - iii. Protect the welfare of student-participants;
 - iv. Protect existing programs and enable all students to gain the benefits of participation; and
 - v. Promote financial transparency, sound business practices, and equivalency of treatment between schools.

- b. General Rules and Protocols.
 - i. No student shall be denied access to or membership in a school club, team, or organization based on gender, race, color, religion, political beliefs, disability, or any other discriminatory basis prohibited by Board policy. The prohibition against discrimination shall extend to the selection of officers for clubs and organizations.
 - ii. No student shall be prohibited from participating in sanctioned activities related to the educational program because of an inability to pay fees associated with the activity.
 - iii. Membership shall be based on pre-established criteria.
 - iv. If applicable, the charter, bylaws, or other written guidelines setting forth the purposes, qualifications for membership, and the rules of conduct of each approved club or organization shall be kept on file and available to students and staff of the school.
 - v. The principal is responsible and accountable for the supervision of all student activities connected with the school. An on-campus staff member shall be designated to serve in an advisor role for any student club or organization. The advisor shall report to school administration and ensure compliance with all District and site-based procedures related to student activities, to include decision-making, facilities use, security, finances, conduct of attendees, supervision.
- c. The Superintendent may create administrative regulations and accompanying procedures related to the implementation and maintenance of student activities to include, but not limited to:
 - i. Protocols for the adoption, implementation, and management of a club, team or organization at a school;
 - ii. Applicable financial procedures, to include management and use of student activity funds, fees, and fundraising; and
 - iii. Student participation to include, but not limited to:
 - 1) Academic eligibility and behavioral requirements and expectations;
 - 2) Eligibility Appeals;
 - 3) Student travel guidelines and protocols; and

- 4) The safety and welfare of student participants.
- d. Disclaimer for Intra-curricular and Extracurricular Activities.
 - i. The District is not responsible or liable for Intra-curricular and/or Extracurricular Activities not supported by the District that are owned, organized, promoted, or participated in by staff members operating outside the course and scope of their employment with the District.
 - 1) District staff who are involved with non-sanctioned activities or organizations during their personal time must understand that employment with the District does not extend to the granting of benefits or privileges not available to non-employees (i.e. use of a school facility).
 - 2) Staff should be aware of District rules related to conflict of interest and ethical responsibilities. (See Administrative Regulation 4530, Ethical Standards / Conflict of Interest) District staff, to include coaches/advisors and volunteers, shall avoid any conflict of interest between his/her employment or volunteer opportunity and the non-sanctioned activity; and comply with ethical responsibilities by maintaining separation between the duties as a District staff member and the duties to the outside organization. This includes use of District email, communication with students and other staff during work hours related to the outside organization, and other use of District resources.
 - ii. The District is not responsible for nor does it control or incur liability for summer and/or out-of-season activities.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Through this policy, the Board seeks to ensure that:
 - a. Students are encouraged to participate in District-supported activities to enrich the educational experience and remain engaged in school;
 - b. All participants and teams, to include students and coaches/advisors, will represent the District, school, and community in a positive manner and will reflect the dedication and hard work that will be required to participate and be successful; and
 - c. Access will be available to all students to participate in the activities and events of the District.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This policy aligns with the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
 - a. Board Policy 5340, District-Sanctioned Interscholastic Athletics
 - b. Board Policy 5325, District-Recognized Athletics
 - c. Board Policy 7120, Community Use of School Buildings and Facilities
 - d. Board Policy 4505, Standards of Professional Practice
 - e. WCSD Activity / Athletic Handbooks
 - f. WCSD Student Travel Manual
 - g. WCSD Student Activity Funds Procedures Manual
2. This Administrative Regulation complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. Chapter 385B, Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
 - b. Chapter 392, Pupils
3. This policy complies with applicable federal laws and regulations.

REVIEW AND REPORTING

1. This document shall be reviewed as part of the bi-annual review and reporting process, following each regular session of the Nevada Legislature. The Board of Trustees shall receive notification of any required changes to the policy as well as an audit of the accompanying governing documents.
2. Administrative regulations, and/or other associated documents, will be developed as necessary to implement this policy.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
6/26/2018	1.0	Adopted