



**Responsible Office:** Office of Strategies

**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.

**DEFINITIONS**

1. “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. “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).

**POLICY**

1. 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.
2. 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:
  - a. Elective Office;
  - b. Competitive Clubs;
  - c. Community Service;
  - d. Career Interest; and
  - e. Interpersonal or Group Dynamics.
3. The Board seeks to:

- a. Implement, monitor, promote, and maintain activities that provide a positive outlet for student-participants;
  - b. Protect the welfare of student-participants;
  - c. Protect existing programs and enable all students to gain the benefits of participation; and
  - d. Promote financial transparency, sound business practices, and equivalency of treatment between schools.
3. General Rules and Protocols.
- a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Membership shall be based on pre-established criteria.
  - d. 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 employees of the school.
  - e. The principal is responsible and accountable for the supervision of all student activities connected with the school. An on-campus employee 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.
4. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to adopt an Administrative Regulation to implement and maintain the purpose of this Board Policy. The Superintendent shall include in the Administrative Regulation the following provisions:
- a. Protocols for the adoption, implementation, and management of a club, team or organization at a school;
  - b. Facility use;

- c. Applicable financial procedures, to include management and use of student activity funds, fees, and fundraising; and
  - d. Student participation to include, but not limited to:
    - i. Academic eligibility and behavioral requirements and expectations;
    - ii. Eligibility Appeals;
    - iii. Student travel guidelines and protocols; and
    - iv. The safety and welfare of student participants.
5. Disclaimer for Intra-curricular and Extracurricular Activities.
- a. 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 employees operating outside the course and scope of their employment with the District.
    - i. District employees 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).
    - ii. Employees should be aware of District rules related to conflict of interest and ethical responsibilities. District employees, 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 employee and the duties to the outside organization. This includes use of District email, communication with students and other employees during work hours related to the outside organization, and other use of District resources.
  - b. The District is not responsible for, nor does it control or incur liability for, summer and/or out-of-season activities.

## **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- 1. This Board Policy aligns with the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
  - a. Board Policy 5325, District-Recognized Athletics;

- b. Board Policy 5340, District-Sanctioned Interscholastic Athletics;
  - c. Board Policy 4505, Standards of Professional Conduct; and
  - d. Board Policy 7120, Community Use of School Buildings and Facilities.
2. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
- a. Chapter 385B, Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; and
  - b. Chapter 392, Pupils.

**REVISION HISTORY**

| Date       | Revision | Modification  |
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| 6/26/2018  | 1.0      | Adopted   |
| 12/14/2021 | 2.0      | Revised: clarify language and align formatting pursuant to BP 9070. |