

# EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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	<p style="text-align: center;">122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>1. Purpose The Board believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom curricular program of the school.</p> <p>2. Definition For purposes of this policy, <b>co-curricular activities</b> shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution.</li> <li>2. Be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate except that where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the eligibility standards.</li> <li>3. Include intramural sports, musical organizations, clubs, and the like.</li> </ol> <p>3. Authority The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and assign personnel for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>A co-curricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of the Board when it has been approved by the principal and reported to the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Board may assess a service fee for participation in a co-curricular activity. Students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.</li> </ol>
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2. Involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities.
3. Be responsive to the articulated needs of students.
4. Ensure adequate adult guidance and supervision.
5. Guard against the exploitation of students.
6. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.
7. Ensure that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that students are informed of the opportunities available to them.

Equal Access Act

The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for one or more 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 provision" on the basis of the 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. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend activities of student groups. Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends but within the contracted teacher day.

The meetings cannot materially or substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations as felt reasonably necessary.

The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that the attendance of students at such meetings is on a voluntary basis.

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