

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

Instruction

6145

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities are sanctioned by the Board of Education and regulated by the administration according to the following policy guidelines:

1. The School System will provide students with adequate opportunities for voluntary participation in a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Schools must not make any assumptions about what a student with a particular disability can or cannot do with respect to participating in extracurricular athletics.
2. The overall objectives of the extracurricular program will be manifold, including the intellectual, social, physical, cultural, musical, personal, artistic, political and/or literary development of participating students.
3. There will be a proper balance between activities which require special skills for participation and those that require only a willingness to be an active participant; between intramural and interscholastic activities; and between competitive and noncompetitive activities.
4. Extracurricular activities may be recreational and/or educational. They will be based on active participation by students with adequate supervision, guidance, or instruction by a person or persons assigned by the administration.
5. Extracurricular activities will augment, and not detract from the standard school programs.
6. Eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities will be governed by regulations established by the Connecticut Association of Secondary Schools, where applicable.
7. Activities, practices, games, or contests shall not be conducted on Sundays or on major legal holidays. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to grant exceptions to this prohibition on a case by case basis to accommodate unforeseen schedule changes. Such exceptions will be reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
8. The duration of extracurricular activities shall be reasonable and commensurate with the requirements and objectives of the particular activity.
9. Each advisor or coach will establish necessary regulations or training rules pertaining to participation in each activity, including the number of participants, time, frequency, and duration of meetings, absences, grooming, deportment, the care of equipment.
10. The use of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled drugs is prohibited.

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11. Criteria for eligibility for participation in and expulsion or suspension from an activity will be carefully defined for each activity. Punishment for violation of published regulations or training rules shall be reasonable and appropriate. Serious disciplinary matters will be handled by the Advisor or Coach in concert with the Principal or Athletic Director.
12. Nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities will be provided to “qualified” students with disabilities in such a manner as to afford an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities, by making reasonable modifications and providing those aids and services that are necessary to ensure an equal opportunity to participate, unless the District can demonstrate that doing so would constitute a fundamental alteration to the program.

(cf. 5145 – Section 504: Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities)

Legal Reference: Equal Access Act

Westside Community Board of Education V. Mergens

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, “Dear Colleague Letter”, 113 LRP 3326 (OCR 1/25/13)

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