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COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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DISTRICT-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, including those that are not conducted in a regular classroom but are directly related to the curriculum.

The purpose of curricular-related activities shall be to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than may be available in the District's courses of study but are still directly related to accomplishing the educational outcomes for students as adopted by the Board in District Policy & Regulations 2131.

For purposes of this policy, curricular-related activities are defined as those activities in which:

- A. the subject matter is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter concerns the District's composite courses of study;
- C. participation is required for a particular course;
- D. participation results in academic credit.

No curricular-related activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it meets one or more of the criteria stated above and has been approved by the Superintendent.

Such activities, along with extra-curricular activities (not directly related to courses of study), may be conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and directed by a staff advisor.

The Board expressly declines to create a limited open forum for clubs and activities, initiated by students, that cannot meet one of the four criteria stated above.

Non-curricular, student activities that are initiated by parents or other members of the community may be allowed under the provisions of District Policy & Regulations 7510 - Use of District Facilities. The Board, however:

- A. will not assume any responsibility for the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such activities;

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- B. will not provide any funds or other resources;
- C. will not allow any member of the District's staff to assist in the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such an activity during the hours s/he is functioning as a member of the staff.

No non-district sponsored organization may use the name of the School District or any other name which would associate an activity with the District.

Whenever a student becomes a member of a District-established student group or national organization such as the National Honor Society, in order to remain a member, s/he must continue to meet all of the eligibility criteria and abide by the principles and practices established by the group or the organization.

The Board shall determine all eligible requirements for any athletic or other extra-curricular activity.

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