

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

General: Student activities are an important part of the total educational program. Student activities shall be scheduled so as to result in the least interference with curricular activities and classes. Student participation in student activities shall be voluntary and in accordance with any Administrative Regulations governing such participation. In order to be excused from classes to participate in student activities which are scheduled during the school day, a student shall be passing in all assigned subjects and shall be in compliance with all Administrative Regulations governing such participation.

Organizations: The District shall permit the formation of student organizations as provided by Administrative regulations and procedures. Student organizations shall have at least one (1) faculty advisor and shall comply with state law, District policy, and any Administrative Regulations regarding funds from student activities.

Parental Notification: The District will notify parents and guardians about clubs and organizations sponsored by or under the direction and control of the school on an annual basis. The annual notification shall be by means of the student handbook and by posting on the internet website for the District. The annual notification will include the name of each organization, a statement regarding its mission or purpose, and the name of the faculty advisor, if known. If clubs or organizations are created or formed after the annual notification is distributed, the District will send additional notification to parents and guardians.

Parental Consent: A parent or guardian who wishes to withhold his or her permission for a child to join or participate in one or more clubs or organizations may do so by submitting to the building principal a written statement identifying the name of the club(s) for which permission is withheld and the name of the child(ren) for whom permission is withheld. Parents and guardians are responsible for preventing their child(ren) from participating in a club or organization in which permission is withheld. Parents and guardians are also responsible for retrieving their child(ren) from attendance at a club or organization for which permission is withheld. Nothing in this policy shall prevent a club from meeting when a student who is not authorized to be in the club or organization is present at such meeting.

The parental consent provision of this policy shall apply only to participation in clubs and organizations that are extra-curricular and shall not apply to participation in clubs and organizations that are necessary for a required class of instruction.

Government: The District shall permit the formation and operation of student government which shall provide students with an opportunity to participate in the workings of the democratic process. The student government shall not have any authority to make policies and/or

regulations for the District, nor shall they have any authority regarding disciplinary matters except for recommending the removal of a member. The student government may make recommendations to the Administration on any topic.

Publications: The District may establish official District-sponsored publications as a forum for student expression. Official District-sponsored publications may include newspapers and yearbooks. The preparation, publication, and distribution of such student publications shall be done by students working under the supervision of a faculty advisor and shall be done in accordance with the law, District policy, and any applicable Administrative Regulations and procedures.

Contests and Competitions: Students may participate in various contests and competitions whether sponsored by the District or by other organizations when approved by the appropriate administrator. In determining participation in contests and competitions, the District administrator shall consider the primary educational aims of the District and the needs and interests of the students. Contests shall not be used to promote private or commercial interests or to promote the sale of competitive goods or services. All contests to be conducted shall comply with any applicable Administrative Regulations and procedures. The District may provide funds for transportation, registration, and lodging, when necessary, for students who are approved to attend district, regional, state, or other competitions.

Athletics and Other Extra-curricular Activities: A well-organized and well-conducted extra-curricular and athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of the student body and an important phase of good community-school relations. Students benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually, to develop self-discipline, and to contribute to a team effort which is made possible by participation in extra-curricular and athletic activities. The District is a member of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) and will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy which it encourages with regards to extra-curricular and athletic activities. The eligibility of students to participate in the District's extra-curricular and athletic programs covered by OSSAA regulations shall be determined in accordance with OSSAA regulations and will be monitored by coaches, sponsors, and principals.

The District shall provide interscholastic athletic competition for students in grades 7-12 in a variety of sports and shall provide intramural athletic activities as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education and commensurate with the grade level of the students involved. The District shall allow students to participate in sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire and shall provide qualified personnel to coach and supervise individual sports. The athletic program is both educational and recreational, should encourage participation by as many students as possible, and should be carried on with the best interests of the students as the first consideration without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school community. A student may not begin practice for any athletic team until the student has been examined and approved by a medical doctor, and written consent for such participation has been obtained from the parent. Insurance against accident or injury shall be provided by the student who engages in athletics.

Field Trips: Field trips may be scheduled and conducted by the individual instructor, subject to the approval of the Superintendent. Field trips are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom and should stimulate student interest and inquiry in the subject being taught.