



Center Area School District

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose SC 511	<p>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>All learning experiences offered by the schools of this district curricular and co-curricular should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the district's objectives.</p>
2. Authority	<p>The schools may encourage students to broaden their knowledge and citizenship by permitting the formation of clubs or other groups organized to promote or pursue specialized activities outside the classroom, provided membership is open to all interested and/or eligible students, approval of the building principal is obtained, and a member of the faculty attends the meeting or activity as an official adviser.</p> <p>Students attending Cyber/Charter Schools and Home School students are permitted to participate provided they follow the same guidelines as regular full time students.</p> <p>Initiation ceremonies, when held, should be dignified and in keeping with the rules and regulations of the school. They must be held under the supervision of the sponsor. Any initiation held otherwise will result in the suspension of the club from all activities for one school year. Initiation must be reviewed by the principal at least one week before initiation is to be held.</p> <p>Any co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that the Board's responsibility for the provisions of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies; and students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.</p>

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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Administration shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.2. Invite the participation of parents and community in the development of a program of co-curricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.3. Involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities.4. Be responsive to the articulated needs of students.5. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff.6. Guard against the exploitation of students.7. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.8. Ensure that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the co-curricular opportunities open to them.
<p>P.L.98-377</p>	<p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for one or more non-curriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during non-instructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum 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-instructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as felt reasonably necessary.</p> <p>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.</p>