

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Holmdel Township Board of Education believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program.

The purpose of extracurricular activities shall be:

- A. To develop useful new capabilities in pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop pupil initiative and provide for the exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid pupils in the development of social skills; and
- E. To enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" shall be those activities, exclusive of interscholastic athletic programs, which are sponsored or approved by the Board and supervised by an employee of the Board, but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and shall ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic or musical presentations, and interscholastic sports.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district;

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- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;
- D. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff; and
- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.

The guidance goal for each pupil shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents/guardians and the pupil. Guidance is necessary to encourage nonparticipants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the expense of their academic performance.

Only persons in the employ of the Board of Education shall be permitted to organize district pupils during school time or during any recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

No activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, social or economic status, or nonapplicable handicap.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities must comply with the discipline code as outlined in the student handbook and in the guidelines for the particular activity or sport.

### **Attendance**

The district's attendance policy shall also apply.

### **Implementation**

The Superintendent shall direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extracurricular programs and their operation comply with district affirmative action requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the Superintendent's discretion.

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<b>Legal References:</b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	10:5	Law Against Discrimination
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:11-3	Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:19-14	Funds derived from pupil activities
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:36-20	Participation in courses in which verbalization unessential to understanding of subject matter; location of and children in bilingual programs
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:42-5, -6	Certain student organizations declared harmful ...
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	34:13A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	New Jersey Public Employer-Employee Relations Act
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:4-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Equality in educational programs
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-4.10	State and Federally mandated programs and services
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:20-2.3(b)8ii	Budget and cost distribution records
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-3.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Physical education and athletics personnel and procedures

See particularly:  
N.J.A.C. 6:29-3.2(b),  
-3.3(b), (c), -3.4

20 U.S.C.A. 4071 - Equal Access Act

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 -Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972

New Jersey State Board of Education Resolution, May 2, 1984, requires local board to adopt policy on academic eligibility for extracurricular activities. Must address grade point average, attendance requirements and course failure rate.

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NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)

**Possible**

**Cross References:**

1210	Community organizations
1320	Participation in out-of-school community activities
*1322	Contests for pupils
*2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
*3453	School activity funds
4143	Extra pay for extra work
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5126	Awards for achievement
*5131	Conduct/discipline
*5136	Fund-raising activities
5143	Insurance
*5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
*6010	Goals and objectives
*6142	Subject fields
*6142.5	Travel and exchange programs
*6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6145.4	Public performances and exhibitions
6145.5	Student organizations
6145.7	Social events/meetings
*6146	Graduation requirements
*6153	Field trips

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

