Co-Curricular Program

The Board recognizes that the goals and objectives of the District can best be achieved by providing a broad offering of purposeful learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside of the approved curriculum of the District. Such activities shall ordinarily be conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and shall be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. The co-curricular program encompasses approved curriculum-related activities.

The Board shall approve all activities included within the ASB program. The principal is authorized to approve curriculum-related activities that are not part of the ASB program and shall make school facilities available for them and designate staff members to support and supervise them.

The district will not exclude any person from participation in the co-curricular program, deny any person the benefit of such a program or otherwise discriminate against any person in any co-curricular program on the basis of the categories identified in the district’s Nondiscrimination policy.

The criteria to be used by the principal for approving curriculum-related activities are:

A. The purposes and/or objectives shall be part of a specific program or course offering;
B. The participating students shall be currently enrolled in a related course or program or possess the entry level knowledge and/or skills to successfully participate in the activity;
C. The group shall be supervised by a qualified staff member;
D. The cost of the activity must not be prohibitive to student or District;
E. The activity must comply with Title IX requirements;
F. All activity must take place on school premises unless approved in advance by the school principal; and,
G. The activity must not be secretive in nature.

Curriculum related activities, whether approved by the Board as part of the ASB or by the principal, must meet at least one of the following criteria:

A. The subject matter of the activity is actually taught or will soon be taught in a regularly offered course;
B. The subject matter of the activity concerns the body of courses as a whole;
C. Participation in the activity is required for a particular course; or
D. Participation in the activity results in academic credit.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop appropriate procedures for proper planning, funding, approval and implementation of all activities offered within the above guidelines.

The principal shall be responsible for administering the co-curricular program in the school. An opportunity will be made available in each school for students, including those with disabilities, to participate in some aspect of the program. Every three years, the District will administer to each school that operates interscholastic, intramural and other athletics the survey developed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction to determine male and female student interest in
participation in specific sports. The district will consider the survey results when planning and developing recreational and athletic activities offered by the District and when determining whether equal opportunities are available to members of both sexes.

The District will evaluate its intramural and interscholastic program at least once each year to ensure that equal opportunities are available to members of both sexes with respect to participation in interscholastic and/or intramural programs.

Cross References:
- Board Policy 2151 Interscholastic Activities
- Board Policy 3210 Nondiscrimination
- Board Policy 3510 Associated Student Bodies
- Board Policy 4260 Use of School Facilities

Legal References:
- 20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq. Equal Access Act
- RCW 28A.325.020 Associated student bodies – Powers and responsibilities affecting
- RCW 28A.600.200 Interschool athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students - Authority to regulate and impose penalties
- RCW 28A.640.020 Delegation of authority - Conditions
- RCW 28A.640.020 Regulations, guidelines to eliminate discrimination - Scope - Sexual harassment policies
- WAC 392-138-010 Definitions
- WAC 392-190-025 Recreational and athletic activities
- WAC 392-138-030 (2a) Powers - Authority and policy of Board of directors
- WAC 392-190-030 General--Recreational and athletic activities—Annual athletic evaluation Equal opportunity factors considered
- WAC 392-190-040 Recreational and athletic activities--Student athletic interest survey - Required survey instrument
- WAC 392-190-045 Recreational and athletic activities - Facilities

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