

R2430 – Co-Curricular Activities

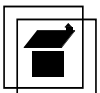
A. Definitions

"Co-curricular activities" means activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board of Education; "co-curricular activities" also includes the pupil clubs, associations, and organizations that conduct those activities. "Co-curricular activities" does not include athletic competitions or practices or athletic teams or organizations.

"Extra-curricular activities" means any activity sponsored or sanctioned by Millburn High School and includes athletics, plays and dramatic productions.

B. Recognition

1. All co-curricular activities must be approved by the Board. An organization of pupils or an activity conducted by and for pupils becomes a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity only when it has been duly approved by the Board.
2. The Board will approve annually and maintain a list of approved co-curricular activities, which will be distributed to Principals. The list will include:
 - a. Those co-curricular activities that have been in operation and have been found to address satisfactorily a continuing need,
 - b. Newly approved co-curricular activities,
 - c. A brief description of each approved activity,
 - d. The name of the advisor of each activity, and
 - e. The name of the custodian of the activity's fund.
3. A new co-curricular activity may be initiated in accordance with the following procedures:

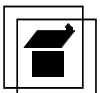


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- a. A written proposal for the new activity must be submitted to the Principal. The proposal will include;
 - (1) The name and purpose of the proposed activity and the date of the request,
 - (2) The name of a faculty member who has agreed to be its advisor,
 - (3) A plan for the use of school facilities, including the facility required, the times and frequency of use, and the portion of the school year the facility will be used,
 - (4) The need, if any, for support personnel or services,
 - (5) A description of the activities that participating pupils will conduct;
 - (6) An estimation of the costs, if any, that the activity will incur,
 - (7) A statement as to whether or not the proposed activity will involve fund raising and, if fund raising will be involved, the use that will be made of those funds,
 - (8) The manner in which pupil leaders will be chosen and organizational decisions will be made,
 - (9) The number of pupils who intend to participate in the activity, and
 - (10) Qualifications for participation, if any, and, if pupils must qualify on a basis other than interest and availability, the rationale for that qualification.
- b. A duly submitted proposal for a new co-curricular activity will be approved if:



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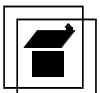
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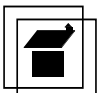
- (1) Its objectives are in harmony with the educational goals adopted by the Board;
- (2) It is designed to meet assessed pupil needs and interests;
- (3) At least five pupils have expressed an intention to participate in the activity;
- (4) Participation is open to all interested pupils available for participation or, if participation is limited, any qualifications for participation are reasonably justified by the purpose of the activity;
- (5) The proposed use of school facilities does not interfere with the instructional program or the conduct of established co-curricular activities; and
- (6) The proposed activity will be properly supervised.
- (7) There are sufficient funds in the budget for the school.

C. Pupil Participation in curricular and extra-curricular activities

1. The program of such activities should be sufficiently varied to meet the wide range of pupils' vocational, recreational, social, and cultural needs and interests.
2. All pupils will be provided with information on such activities at the start of the school year, or with sufficient advance notice of the activity, and will be invited to participate in one or more activities.
3. Eligibility standards are set forth in Policy No. 2430.
4. When a pupil becomes ineligible for participation in such activities by reason of poor attendance or poor academic performance, his/her teacher will so inform the advisors and principal of activities in which the pupil participates. The advisor will suspend the pupil's participation, except as exempted by Policy No. 2430.



5. A pupil who has been suspended from participation in co-such activities for reason of poor attendance will be offered an opportunity to work out a plan for improved attendance with the Principal or designee. If the pupil adheres to the plan and demonstrates his/her improved attendance within a period of not less than sixty days, the pupil may be reinstated to participation in the activities.
 6. A pupil who has been suspended from participation in such activities for reason of poor academic performance will be offered an opportunity to establish with the Principal or designee performance goals in the subject(s) in which he/she is performing below expectation. The performance goals should include concrete objectives and timelines for improvement. When the pupil meets the agreed upon performance goals, he/she may be reinstated to participation in the activities.
- D. Supervision of co-curricular/extra-curricular activities
1. Each such activity must be supervised by at least one staff member appointed by the Board as advisor.
 2. The Principal will provide appropriate in-service training for co-curricular/extra-curricular advisors.
 3. Each co-curricular and extra-curricular advisor shall:
 - a. Meet regularly and promptly with participating pupils at the assigned time and place of the activity and ensure an orderly environment appropriate to the purpose of the activity;
 - b. Instruct participating pupils in the purpose and conduct of the activity and explain any rules and/or standards to be observed in the conduct of the activity;
 - c. Encourage participating pupils to take appropriate responsibility for the conduct and leadership of the activity;

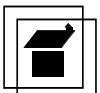


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- d. Prepare and submit to the Principal a calendar of activities for the school year;
 - e. Prepare and maintain a membership list of participating pupils, keep an attendance record, and submit the membership list to the school office;
 - f. Ascertain that each participating pupil is involved in the activity to the extent commensurate with his/her interests and abilities;
 - g. Report periodically or as required to the Communications Coordinator on the conduct and/or achievements of the activity;
 - h. Take all reasonable and necessary steps to safeguard the health and safety of participating pupils, including the prohibition of hazing and similar initiation rites;
 - i. Ensure the proper accounting and deposit of any funds raised or collected by the activity, in accordance with Policy No. 6660; and
 - j. Cooperate with the Principal in a year-end evaluation of the activity.
4. The advisor responsible for an activity scheduled for an evening or a weekend (such as a performance or social event) should consult Regulation No. 5850 and No. 9161 and should:
- a. Request permission for the activity from the Principal;
 - b. Provide publicity and advertising information to the school at least 10 working days in advance of the event;
 - c. Order any necessary tickets and/or program, correct proofs, and print;



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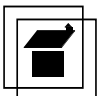
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- d. Provide for any music required by hiring musicians and/or collecting records and tapes;
- e. Arrange with the Principal for the provision of any additional security and/or traffic services, in accordance with Regulation No. 9320;
- f. Arrange for any required audio or lighting equipment and supplies;
- g. Provide for the checking of participants' and spectators' outerwear;
- h. Provide for any food services that will be required;
- i. Arrange for ushers and chaperones;
- j. Provide for the prompt deposit of any moneys collected; and
- k. After the event, report to the Principal;
 - (1) The number of tickets sold,
 - (2) The number of persons who attended the event,
 - (3) The amount of money collected and deposited, and
 - (4) An evaluation of the event, including an account of any unusual incidents.

E. Evaluation of co-curricular/extra-curricular activities

- 1. An evaluation of each such activity will be conducted by the Principal and the advisor at the end of the school year or the conclusion of the activity.
- 2. The evaluation will measure the activity against its stated objectives to determine if the objectives were met. Criteria may include:

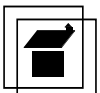


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- a. Membership and attendance records;
 - b. Regularity of meetings;
 - c. The planning and execution of special events;
 - d. Evidence of pupil leadership and assumption of responsibility; and
 - e. Such other indicia of pupils' growth and development as the evaluators may choose.
3. The evaluation will include recommendations for the improvement of the activity or, if so indicated, for the cancellation of the activity.
 4. The written evaluation will be signed by the Principal and the advisor and sent to the Superintendent no later than April 15.
 5. The will conduct an annual evaluation of the overall program of co-curricular activities. That evaluation should consider whether the program has resulted in:
 - a. Improvement in school attendance;
 - b. Improvement in academic performance;
 - c. Increased participation in school activities; and
 - d. Improvement in school morale and pupil behaviors.
- F. Records of co-curricular/extra-curricular activities
1. Records of the conduct of such activities will be maintained by the Principal and will include, as appropriate to the activity:
 - a. The period in which the activity occurred;
 - b. The numbers of participating pupils in each school year and/or present at each co-curricular event;



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- c. The name of the activity advisor;
- d. The printed product of the activity, such as copies of the school newspaper or literary collection;
- e. Copies of reports of the activity in newspapers and/or other public relations releases; and
- f. The financial records of the activity, if any.

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