

School-Sponsored Student Activities

1. Student Organizations

- a. All curricular student clubs or organizations must be approved by the administration. Secret or clandestine organizations or groups will not be permitted.
- b. Bylaws and rules of curricular student clubs or organizations must not be contrary to Board policy or to administrative rules and regulations.
- c. Procedures in curricular student clubs or organizations must follow generally accepted democratic practices in the acceptance of members and nomination and election of officers.
- d. Student led and initiated non-curricular students' groups may meet at school in accordance with District Policy without the sponsorship of the School District.

2. Social Events

- a. Social events must have prior approval of the administration.
- b. Social events must be held in school facilities unless approved by the Superintendent/designee.
- c. Social events must be chaperoned at all times.
- d. Attendance at high school social events and dances shall be limited to high school students, and middle school social events shall be limited to middle school students, unless prior permission is received from the principal.

3. Extracurricular Activities

- a. Academic and behavior eligibility rules are established by MHSAA rules and District policy.
- b. Any student determined by the appropriate court to have engaged in a criminal offense either by conviction or adjudication, may become ineligible for such a period of time as the school officials may decide.
- c. In establishing an interscholastic program, the Board directs the administration to:
 - i. Open all sports to all students enrolled in the District, with an equal opportunity for participation.
 - ii. Open all sports to residents of the school district and who is at least 5 years of age, unless a student under the age of 5 has been enrolled due to exceptional circumstances in accordance with Policy 3110, and not more than 19 months before September 10 of the year in which participation in extracurricular activities is sought by such child in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
 - iii. Recommend sports activities based on interest inventories completed by the students.

4. Participation in District Extracurricular Activities by Unenrolled Children

- a. Any child identified in Section 3.c.2 of this policy who is attending a nonpublic or home school meeting the requirements of section 20-5-109:
 - i. Is eligible to seek to participate in any extracurricular activity of the District that is offered to pupils of the district who are of the same age.
 - ii. Is subject to the same standards for participation as those required of full-time pupils enrolled in the school and the same rules of any interscholastic organization of which the school of participation is a member as specified in Section 3.a. and 3.b. of this policy and any related student or activity

handbook provisions.

- iii. Will be assessed for purposes of placement, team formation and cuts using the same criteria as used for full-time pupils enrolled in the District.
- b. In cases where there is more than one school serving the same age group within District boundaries, a child under Section 4 of this policy shall be subject to the same school zone rules applicable to full-time pupils of the District. Participation for one school for one sport and another school for another sport is prohibited.
- c. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a nonpublic school as specified under Section 4.a.ii of this policy shall be attested by the head administrator of the nonpublic school. No further verification shall be required.
- d. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a home school as specified under Section 4.a.ii shall be attested in writing by the educator providing the student instruction with verification by the school principal for the school of participation. The verification may not include any form of student assessment.
- e. Students participating in extracurricular activities under Section 4 of this policy may be considered part-time enrollees for purposes of ANB in accordance with Policy 3150, 3121, and 3121P .

Cross Reference:

- Policy 3110 Entrance, Placement and Transfer
- Policy 3150 Part Time Enrollment Policy 3121 Enrollment and Attendance
- Policy 3233 Student use of Buildings - Equal Access
- Policy 3221 Publications and Distribution / Posting of Materials
- Policy 4331 Distribution / Posting of Materials by outside groups

Legal References:

- Chapter 297 2021 General Legislative Session
- Chapter 269 2021 General Legislative Session

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