

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: COCURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

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PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

122. COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Purpose

The Board believes that the district’s goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the schools.

All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and cocurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district’s objectives.

2. Definition
Title 22
Sec. 12.1

For purposes of this policy, **cocurricular activities** shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

3. Authority
SC 511
20 U.S.C.
Sec. 4071 et seq
Pol. 103

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of cocurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.

The Board encourages secondary level students to pursue clubs and interests that may not be related directly to any of the curriculum programs offered in the district. In pursuit of such goal and in compliance with law, the Board maintains a limited open forum in which secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the curriculum, regardless of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech related to such activities.

Any cocurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

<p>Pol. 110</p>	<p>The Board shall maintain the program of cocurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies. 2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at cocurricular events and trips. 3. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 2. The student is a member of a cocurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement the cocurricular activities program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of cocurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Involves students in developing and planning cocurricular activities.3. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.4. Guards against exploitation of students.5. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.6. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.7. Ensures that all cocurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them. <p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for noncurriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of 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.</p> <p>Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.</p> <p>The meetings of student groups cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.

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