

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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# SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) believes that the goals and objectives of this District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom curricular program of the school.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools of this District - curricular and co-curricular - should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the District’s objectives.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board, but may not be offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily be marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution and available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.</p>
3. Authority	<p>Activities may be part of a voluntary staff assignment not warranting additional compensation to the staff member. The District administration and professional staff shall establish the eligibility requirements, subject to Board review.</p>
<p>SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and assign staff members and ensure adult supervision for the support of a program of co-curricular activities. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.</p>

<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this District.</li><li>2. Involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities.</li><li>3. Be responsive to the articulated needs of students.</li><li>4. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff.</li><li>5. Guard against the exploitation of students.</li><li>6. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.</li><li>7. Ensure that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the co-curricular opportunities open to them.</li></ol> <p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The District shall provide secondary students the opportunity for one or more 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 the 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. Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as felt reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The District retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well being of students and employees and to ensure that the attendance of students at such meetings is on a voluntary basis.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.

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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