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2430 - AUTHORITY-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Governing Board believes that the goals and objectives of this Authority are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, including those that are not conducted in a regular classroom but are directly related to the curriculum.

The purpose of curricular-related activities shall be to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than may be available in the Authority's courses of study but are still directly related to accomplishing the educational outcomes for students as adopted by the Board in Policy 2131.

For purposes of this policy, curricular-related activities are defined as those activities in which:

- A. the subject matter is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter concerns the Authority's composite courses of study;
- C. participation is required for a particular course.

No curricular-related activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it meets one or more of the criteria stated above and has been approved by the Superintendent.

Such activities, along with extra-curricular activities (not directly related to courses of study), may be conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and directed by a staff advisor.

The Board expressly declines to create a limited open forum for clubs and activities, initiated by students that cannot meet one (1) of the ~~four (4)~~ three (3) criteria stated above.

Noncurricular student activities that are initiated by parents or other members of the community may be allowed under the provisions of Policy 7510 - Use of Authority Facilities. The Board, however will not:

- A. assume any responsibility for the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such activities;
- B. provide any funds or other resources;
- C. allow any member of the Authority's staff to assist in the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such an activity during the hours s/he is functioning as a member of the staff.

No nonAuthority-sponsored organization may use the name of the Authority or any other name that would associate an activity with the Authority.

Individual Authority schools may establish eligibility requirements for any co-curricular, interscholastic, and noninterscholastic extra-curricular activities.

Students identified as disabled under the IDEA are subject to the eligibility standards established by the school unless specifically exempted by the express terms of their individualized education program (IEP). An IEP can specify the criteria by which a grade will be determined for [a] course[s], given the individual student's disability.

Students shall be fully informed of the curricular-related and extra-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in these activities. Students will be further informed that participation in these activities is a privilege and not a right, and that they may be prohibited from all or part of their participation in such activities by authorized school

personnel without further notice, hearing, and/or appeal rights (See Policy 5610.05 - Prohibition from Extra-Curricular Activities).
Authority- sponsored activities shall be available to all students who elect to participate and who meet eligibility standards.

Parents will be informed about the nature and purpose of the curricular and extra-curricular clubs and activities in their child's school through the school's website.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative procedures to implement a program of curricular-related clubs and activities and of extra-curricular activities. Such procedures should ensure that the needs and interests of the students are properly assessed and procedures are established for continuing evaluation of each club and activity.

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