

**CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

POLICY: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Cranford Board of Education believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom program.

The purpose of extracurricular activities shall be :

- A. To develop useful capabilities in pupils that can lead to extension of career opportunities;
- B. To develop pupil initiative and provide for exercise of responsibility;
- C. To develop leadership capabilities and good organizational skills;
- D. To aid pupils in the social skills;
- E. To enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular program.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activities" shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall generally be conducted outside the regular school day, available to pupils who voluntarily elect to participate, marked by pupil participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and shall ordinarily include band, clubs, dramatic, or musical presentations, and interscholastic sports.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The Chief School Administrator shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of pupils of this district;
- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard the exploitation of pupils;
- D. Provide for a variety of experience and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff;
- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.

The guidance goal for each pupil shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parent/guardians, and the pupil. Guidance is necessary to encourage nonparticipants, and to prevent the overenthusiastic from emphasizing activities at the cost of their academic performance.

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Only persons in the employ of the Cranford Board of Education shall be permitted to organize district pupils during school time or during recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

No activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of the Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Chief School Administrator.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, ancestry, social or economic status, or non-applicable disability.

Implementation

The Chief School Administrator shall direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extracurricular programs and their operation comply with district affirmative action requirements.

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-3 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-20 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-5, -6 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:13A-1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:4-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:8-4.10 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:20-2.3(b)8ii <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:29-3.1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See particularly:</u>	Law Against Discrimination Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals Funds derived from pupil activities Participation in courses in which verbalization unessential to understanding of subject matter; location of and children in bilingual programs Certain student organizations declared harmful ... New Jersey Public Employer-Employee Relations Act Equality in educational programs State and Federally mandated programs and services Budget and cost distribution records Physical education and athletics personnel and procedures
		<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:29-3.2(b), -3.3(b), (c), -3.4

20 U.S.C.A. 4071 - Equal Access Act

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

New Jersey State Board of Education Resolution, May 2, 1984, requires local boards to adopt policy on academic eligibility for extracurricular activities. Must address grade point average, attendance requirements and course failure rate.

NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)

Possible

Cross References:

Athletic Interscholastic Training Participation Handbook
Co-Curricular Activity Program Handbook

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