

2430 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board 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 instructional program of the school. The purpose of such extra-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of pupils, and to enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

“Extra-curricular activities” means activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board of Education. Extra-curricular activities also include the pupils, clubs, associations, and organizations that conduct those activities. Extra-curricular activities do not include high school athletic competitions, practices, athletic teams or organizations. High School athletic activities are governed by Policy 2431 (Athletic Competition). Athletics at the intermediate school level are considered extra-curricular activities.

"District funded program" means an educational program whose tuition is paid entirely or in part by the Westfield Public Schools. Pupils currently enrolled in the district or in a district funded program, may participate in extra-curricular activities.

In addition, the Board may permit the use of school facilities by organizations of pupils during non-instructional time. No group of pupils, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other content of speech at their meeting. (N.J.S.A. 18A36-20 and 20U.S.C. 4071-4074)

A new extra-curricular activity may be initiated when at least five pupils present a request in writing to the building principal and have a faculty advisor willing to take responsibility for the club. All approved clubs must allow any interested pupils to join.

The Superintendent must approve all extra-curricular activities. The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement an extra-curricular program, which will include, but not be limited to, how a club can be formed, how the needs and interests of pupils will be assessed, how funds will be accounted for, and how information about activities will be disseminated.

See related Policies 5841 Secret Societies
 5842 Equal Access of Pupil Organizations

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