

# AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose SC 511	<p>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 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 Title 22 Sec. 5.217	<p>For purposes of this policy, "co-curricular activities" shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not 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. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they may be operable.</p>
3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. 4071 et. seq.	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that the Board's responsibility for the provisions of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.</p> <p>Students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p>

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- assess the needs and interests of the students of this district;
- involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities;
- be responsive to the articulated needs of students;
- ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff;
- guard against the exploitation of students;
- provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program; and
- 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.

### Academic Eligibility

The district may set forth academic eligibility requirements for participation in activities. These requirements may be set forth as a rule or in the district's handbooks (general or athletic).

### Equal Access Act

The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for non-curriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during non-instructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. Non-instructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as deemed reasonably necessary.

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.