

Policy IGD: DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS **Status:** ADOPTED

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The board believes that district-sponsored student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means of developing social interactions, knowledge, and skills for district students. The board further recognizes that not all district goals and objectives can be met in formal classroom study and authorizes the use of necessary resources to provide student extracurricular activities and groups.

The board directs the superintendent or designee to administer the district's extracurricular activities and groups and create any administrative procedures necessary for implementation of this policy.

Student-initiated groups formed pursuant to the Equal Access Act are subject to the applicable board policy for such groups in addition to this policy.

Definitions

Extracurricular Activity or Group – All district-sponsored student activities and groups meeting or occurring during noninstructional time. Extracurricular activities or groups may be either cocurricular or noncurricular.

Cocurricular Activity or Group – An extracurricular activity or group that meets any one of the following criteria:

1. The subject matter of the activity or group is or will be taught in a regularly offered class.
2. The subject matter of the activity or group concerns the body of courses as a whole.
3. Participation in the group is a requirement for a course.
4. Academic credit is granted for participation.

Noncurricular Activity or Group – An extracurricular activity or group that primarily involves students, occurs outside of academic class time, and is not cocurricular.

Enrollment

In general, students must be enrolled in the district to be eligible to participate in district-sponsored extracurricular activities. However, students educated in a home school, Family Paced

Education school, or virtual school may participate in some events and activities as allowed by law and policy IGDA.

Sponsors, Advisors, and Coaches

All extracurricular activities or groups must have an appointed sponsor, advisor, or coach. In general, sponsors, advisors, and coaches must be district employees; however, with the superintendent's recommendation and the board's approval, individuals who are not employees may serve as sponsors, advisors, or coaches subject to the completion of the criminal background check required of employees. It shall be the duty of all such individuals to attend all meetings, functions, or practices of the relevant group, advise and supervise students, and keep the appropriate principal informed about activities. All district-sponsored extracurricular activities must be included on the school calendar.

Participation

Students may belong to and take part in all extracurricular activities or groups for which they are qualified, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, or any other personal characteristic protected under the district's policy prohibiting discrimination and harassment. Participation in all extracurricular activities or groups is voluntary unless participation is required for an academic course in which the student is enrolled.

All students participating in extracurricular activities or groups are subject to district supervision and discipline. Students must comply with all policies, eligibility requirements, rules, and procedures established by the district and, when applicable, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). Students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or groups until all required paperwork has been submitted, in accordance with law and district procedures.

If an extracurricular activity has an application deadline for participation, that deadline will be waived for students who live in the household of an active duty member of the military and who transfer from another state when the students are otherwise qualified to participate in the activity.

Unless participation in an extracurricular activity or group is required for a course in which the student is enrolled, participation is a privilege, not a right. Students may be excluded from extracurricular activities or groups as a disciplinary action, as a consequence for poor performance in school, or otherwise as determined by district administrators. Students and/or their parents/guardians are not entitled to a hearing solely on the basis of exclusion from an extracurricular activity or group that is not required for a course in which the student is enrolled.

Athletics

The board believes that students should have opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through experience in self-discipline and contribution to a team effort made possible through

competitive athletics. The district will conduct an athletic program to further the development of students as competitors and spectators through interschool and intraschool athletic contests. The purpose of the program is to develop leadership, good sportsmanship, and new friendships while encouraging regular school attendance, academic achievement, and engagement in the school community.

In accordance with law, the district will provide equal athletic opportunities to both male and female students and will not illegally discriminate based on the quality of facilities, coaching, or instruction; scheduling of practice times or events; equipment; or other related factors.

The district may allow a female student to compete in an athletic competition that is designated for male students if no corresponding athletic competition designated for female students is offered or available. Otherwise, by state law, no student may compete in any interscholastic athletic games, contests, programs, activities, exhibitions, or other similar competitions organized and provided for students that are designated for the biological sex opposite to the student's biological sex as correctly stated on the student's official birth certificate or, if the official birth certificate is unobtainable, another government record. To be used as evidence of the student's eligibility for an athletic competition, the statement of a student's biological sex must have been entered at or near the time of the student's birth or have been modified to correct a scrivener's error in the student's biological sex.

Insurance

Pursuant to state law and upon the adoption of a resolution by a majority of the entire board, the district may designate extracurricular activities that the board believes present unusual physical hazards to students. The board may then authorize the expenditure of district funds to purchase medical insurance covering students while engaged in the activity if the purchase of insurance would constitute a financial hardship to the parent/guardian or student. The district may require parents/guardians to provide proof of insurance or equivalent coverage by some other means as a condition of participation in the extracurricular activity.

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

| State | Description |
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| § 160.2000, RSMo. | State Statute |
| § 162.063, RSMo. | State Statute |
| § 163.048, RSMo. | State Statute |

§ 167.765, RSMo.

[State Statute](#)

§ 167.790, RSMo.

[State Statute](#)

Federal

Description

20 U.S.C. § 1681

[Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#)

20 U.S.C. § 4071-4072

[Boy Scout Equal Access Act](#)

FEDERAL COURT

[Westside Community Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 \(1990\)](#)

Cross References

Code

Description

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[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION](#)

AC-AF(1)

[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - \(Notice of Nondiscrimination\)](#)

AC-AF(2)

[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - \(Grievance Form\)](#)

AC-AF(3)

[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - \(Level I Grievance Report\)](#)

AC-AF(4)

[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - \(Level II Grievance Report\)](#)

AC-AF(5)

[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - \(Level III Grievance Report\)](#)

AC-AF(6)

[PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - \(Appeal Form\)](#)

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[SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX](#)

ACA-AF(1)

[SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - \(Report of Sexual Harassment\)](#)

ACA-AF(2)

[SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - \(Intake Form\)](#)

ACA-AF(3)

[SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - \(Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment under Title IX\)](#)

ACA-AF(4)

[SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - \(Notice of Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment\)](#)

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[SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - \(Determination of](#)

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| | <u>Responsibility)</u> |
| ACA-AF(6) | <u>SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - (Notice of Dismissal of a Formal Complaint)</u> |
| ACA-AF(7) | <u>SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - (Appeal of Determination of Responsibility)</u> |
| ACA-AF(8) | <u>SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - (Notice of Appeal)</u> |
| ACA-AF(9) | <u>SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX - (Decision on Appeal)</u> |
| JFCF | <u>BULLYING</u> |
| JFCF-AF(1) | <u>BULLYING - (Bullying Incident Report Form for Required Reporters — Employees, Substitutes and Volunteers)</u> |
| JFCF-AF(2) | <u>BULLYING - (Bullying Incident Report Form for Use by Parents, Students and Community Members)</u> |
| JFCG | <u>HAZING</u> |
| JFCI-1 | <u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING</u> |
| JFCI-1-AP(1) | <u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING - (District Does Not Perform Random Drug Testing)</u> |
| JFCI-2 | <u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING</u> |
| JFCI-2-AP(1) | <u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING - (District Performs Random Drug Testing)</u> |
| JHCF | <u>STUDENT ALLERGY PREVENTION AND RESPONSE</u> |
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| KG | <u>COMMUNITY USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES</u> |
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