



Policy Section: **Curriculum and Program**

Policy Name: **School-Student Activities Outside the Classroom**

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board that the provision of co-curricular activities should be encouraged. Financial support for co-curricular activities may be provided for in the school budgeting process. Co-curricular activities should maximize student participation and allow students to develop to their full potential. Co-curricular activities may be participative or competitive.

Definitions

Participative Activities: These are activities which encourage the inclusion of all students who wish to join in the activity in the school.

Competitive Activities: These are activities which involve the selection of participants based on established criteria.

Rationale

Co-curricular programs foster self-esteem and leadership skills. They assist students in developing positive attitudes, encouraging students to problem-solve and demonstrating integrity under a variety of circumstances. Healthy habits for the mind and body are promoted through participation in co-curricular activities. Students reap long term benefits from participating and striving for excellence.

Guidelines

1. Being selected to represent a school is a privilege and carries with it additional responsibility. Each individual must endeavour to live up to the community's highest expectation for behaviour as well as adhere to the school's code of behaviour. Failure to do so may result in the privilege being withdrawn.
2. Co-curricular activities are intended to enhance the academic program. Academic achievement shall be a consideration when evaluating appropriateness of a student's participation in co-curricular activities.

Cross Reference:
203, Student Trustee
319, Substance Use by Students
NorWOSSA Code of Conduct
KP Fair Play Code

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At the secondary level academic eligibility requires that participants be “in good academic standing” in all classes. Students must complete homework and assignments and be making a good effort academically. Students who fail to meet this requirement will not be allowed to miss any classes to participate in any interschool activity and may lose eligibility to participate until the students have met the required standards. The determination of whether a student is making a “good effort” is the decision of the principal in consultation with the classroom teacher.

3. Regular school attendance is a condition of participation in co-curricular activities.
4. School Councils will be consulted and may wish to advise regarding how much instructional time a student may miss to participate in tournaments or other activities that take students away from instructional time.
5. Participants in co-curricular activities have an obligation to the team or group for which they have been selected. Attendance at practice or rehearsals is expected as is the expectation that a best effort will be put forward by the participant as evaluated by teachers and the principal.
6. As ambassadors of the school, participants will exhibit exemplary behaviour towards coaches/advisors, spectators, opponents, teammates and their surroundings.
7. Each secondary school will develop, in consultation with their school councils, procedures which are in keeping with this policy.