SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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122. CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Purpose	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 programs of the school. All learning experiences offered by the schools of this district – curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular – should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the district's objectives.
2. Definitions	**Co-curricular activities** are those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board, are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and, although outside of, are complementary to, the regular curriculum. **Extra-curricular activities** are those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board, are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day and are outside the regular curriculum. Such activities shall ordinarily be marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution and be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate, except that where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of such requirements before they become effective.
3. Authority	The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular and/or extra-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.

4. Delegation of Responsibility	Students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the preparation and presentation of a school roster of co-curricular and extra-curricular positions for Board approval. Any co-curricular or extra-curricular position must be on the Board approved roster of extra-duty positions before it is filled. The Superintendent shall present to the Board annually the list of personnel recommended for the respective co-curricular and extra-curricular assignments, listing the specific assignment and appropriate pay, as indicated by the supplemental salary and wage provision of the agreement for each person. Each person approved by the Board for a co-curricular or an extra-curricular assignment shall be employed for the full school year and so notified in writing, and may sign a contract prepared by the Superintendent. <u>Equal Access Act</u>
P.L. 98-377	The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for one or more noncurriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. Noninstructional 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 or 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 felt 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.