

PANTHER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

ADOPTED: April 8, 2010

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p> <p>3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103, 103.1</p> <p>Pol. 110</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The Board believes that the goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside regular classroom programs.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. Extracurricular activities shall ordinarily include intramural sports, band and various approved organizations.</p> <p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>The Board encourages secondary level students to pursue clubs and interests that may not be related directly to any of the curriculum programs offered in the district. In pursuit of such goal and in compliance with law, the Board maintains a limited open forum in which secondary students may meet for voluntary student-initiated activities unrelated directly to the curriculum, regardless of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech related to such activities.</p> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Board shall normally maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.
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<p>Pol. 229</p>	<p>2. Students may be asked to assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips. Prior approval by the building principal of any fundraising is required.</p>
<p>Pol. 123</p>	<p><u>Eligibility Standards</u></p> <p>In conjunction with the P.I.A.A. eligibility policy, the following guidelines govern students wishing to participate in a sport or extracurricular activity which meets after regular school hours.</p> <p><i>Academics –</i></p> <p>Any student failing a combination of two (2) credits for the week will be ineligible for the following week (Monday through Sunday). In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics and/or any extracurricular activities, a student must not be failing two (2) or more full credits during the previous week or marking period, except as provided in Article IX, Section 5. Article IX, Section 5: Use of final credit at the end of the school year states that at the end of the school year, the student’s final grades in his/her credits for the last marking period shall be used to determine his/her eligibility for the 1st marking period of the next school year. In cases where a student’s work in a preceding marking period does not meet the standards provided, the student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for at least fifteen (15) school days of the next marking period. Students are encouraged to use the after-school tutoring programs available at the high school.</p> <p><i>Attendance Eligibility –</i></p> <p>A student who is absent on a school day or goes home sick is not eligible to participate on that day. A student who arrives sixty (60) minutes or more late to school shall be considered tardy, and is ineligible on that day.</p> <p><i>Detention –</i></p> <p>Any student accumulating five (5) days of detention per quarter will become ineligible for participation for the remainder of the quarter.</p> <p><i>Suspension –</i></p> <p>Any student accumulating four (4) days of out-of-school suspension will be ineligible to participate for one (1) quarter or forty-five (45) school days of the school year. Any student receiving OSS will be ineligible for the following week.</p>

<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement the extracurricular activities program. All student groups shall adhere to Board policy and administrative regulations.</p>
<p>Pol. 229</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare procedures to regulate and monitor all fundraising activities.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and community in developing extracurricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act. 3. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities. 4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff. 5. Guards against exploitation of students.

The Senior High Band Director shall be responsible for the selection of Senior High Band personnel.

Any student enrolled in the district is eligible to take instrumental lessons on any instrument of his/her choice.

To provide for Memorial Day activities in each Panther Valley municipality, it shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to coordinate with school and local authorities regarding final dates, places, starting times, and other arrangements, thus avoiding unnecessary confusion.

Band Appearance

The Senior High Band shall appear at all varsity football games.

The Senior High Band shall present at least one (1) indoor concert during each school year.

The Senior High Band shall make a good faith effort to satisfy Memorial Day activities within the district, as requested. It shall be the responsibility of the Senior High Band Director to communicate with the Superintendent's office relative to final dates, places, starting times, and arrangements, thus avoiding unnecessary confusion.

An organization shall provide a thirty (30) day notice for a band appearance in writing to the Band Director who shall:

1. Notify the building principal of the request and determine if the band members are available to perform on this date.
2. Have the request approved by the Superintendent.
3. Notify the organization of the disposition of their respective request.

No fee shall be charged for organizations within the Panther Valley Area. However, donations and gratuities offered by local sponsoring organizations will be accepted. The monies received shall be deposited in the Band Fund and shall be used for band needs identified by the principal and Band Director.

Outside organizations shall assume the responsibility for all expenses incurred by the band in conjunction with the engagement. These expenditures shall include, but not be limited to transportation, insurance, refreshments after performance, nutritional meal (for a longer performance) and the cost of any special music requested if it must be purchased in addition to regular music in the band library.

Requests for performances during a summer vacation shall not be considered. Holidays and Sundays (except Memorial Day weekend) are considered family days, and band activities shall not infringe upon the student's right to spend time with his/her family. Consideration shall be given to performing at community functions, if a fair representation of the band is available and a respectable musical performance can be achieved.

In order to avoid the band from performing in the same town year after year for the same activity, a rotating schedule shall be established.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.

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