CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

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122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Purpose

The Board believes that the district's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the schools.

All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and extracurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.

2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1 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.

24 P.S. Sec. 5322

For purposes of this policy, an **athletic activity** shall mean all of the following:

- 1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the school, including cheerleading, clubsponsored sports activities and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations.
- 2. Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the school.
- 3. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq

Pol. 103, 103.1

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.

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.

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	The Board shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:
Pol. 110	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.
	2. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.
	Off-Campus Activities
Pol. 218	This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:
	1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.
	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, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
	5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
	6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323 Pol. 123.1	Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.

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		The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program.
5.	Guidelines	Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:
		1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.
		2. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.
		3. Guards against exploitation of students.
		4. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.
		5. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.
	Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4	6. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.
		Extracurricular Trips
		The Board believes that student participation in curricular and extracurricular activities and competitions serve as an enhancement to the regular school program.
		The Board, through its approval of curricular and extracurricular budgets, authorizes expenditures at the discretion of the responsible school officials.
		No student shall be denied the opportunity to participate because of financial reasons.
		Equal Access Act
	20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq	The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for 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 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 of the educational activities in the school.

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary. The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary. References: School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 511 Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq. State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4 Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq. Board Policy – 000, 103, 103.1, 110, 123.1, 218