The Board of Education recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in the extracurricular life of the school and in community and civic organizations. The operation of such funds is also a valuable learning opportunity for the students. Students should be encouraged to participate in these activities where such participation is in accordance with the philosophy and the goals of the district and its standards of conduct.

Social events for students carried on by school organizations may occur when they do not detract from or interfere with the primary objectives of the school system.

In order to safeguard the funds and teach students the proper management of funds in a business-like manner, the Board has established the following criteria, which all student activity programs must meet:

1. Student activities must be in balance with other activities in the schools and student activities must be managed in a professional manner.
2. The principal will request approval for any new extra-classroom activities club to the Superintendent for approval by the Board of Education.

The following guidelines will govern the student activities programs:

1. Student activities are those school activities that are voluntarily engaged in by students, have the approval of the school administration and do not carry credit toward promotion or graduation.
2. All clubs affiliated with the school must be approved by the building principal. The building principal will be responsible for establishing the procedures necessary for a club to be formed and the by-laws by which the club operates.
3. Each extra classroom activity will have a faculty advisor recommended by the principal to the Superintendent and appointed by the Board of Education.
4. Each extra classroom activity club shall have at least a president and secretary/treasurer.
5. The building principal will be responsible for all activities in the building with the exception of athletic, music or art activities.
6. The building principal and the District Director of Athletics will be jointly responsible for all athletic activities in the building.
7. The building principal and the District Department Head of Fine Arts will be jointly responsible for all music and art activities in the building.
8. Rules for the conduct of activities should be established and enforced.
9. Fundraising activities should be approved by the building principal in accordance with policy P5251 pertaining to fundraising for student activities. When unusual or potentially controversial activities are proposed, the principal should ask the Superintendent of Schools to approve the establishment of such activity.
10. Activities must be open to all students, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, disabling condition or other human differences.
11. Activities must not place undue burdens upon students, teachers, or schools.
12. Activities should be held after classes are dismissed, or at an appropriate time during class time.

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