

# MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

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<b>122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.
2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1	For purposes of this policy, <b>extracurricular activities</b> 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.
3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103, 103.1	<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>Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>In order to contribute to the welfare of the extracurricular activity, the student must recognize and willingly assume certain responsibilities as an activity participant. As representatives of the Muhlenberg School District and its programs, participants are expected to exhibit exemplary behavior in and out of school.</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 in on and off-campus activities.</p> <p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.</li> <li>2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and community in developing extracurricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</li> <li>3. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.</li> <li>4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.</li> <li>5. Guards against exploitation of students.</li> <li>6. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.</li> <li>7. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.</li> <li>8. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.</li> </ol> <p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Noninstructional time</b> is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.</p>
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The meetings of student groups cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

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

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, 218