

ESTABLISHING EXTRA-CLASSROOM / STUDENT ACTIVITY ORGANIZATIONS

Extra-classroom activities shall be regarded as a vital part of the total educational program and shall be used as a means of providing students with the knowledge and skills that will contribute to personal development and the betterment of the school community.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish procedures for the organization of extra-classroom activities.

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Formerly #5210 Fraternities, Sororities and Secret Societies

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Extra-classroom / student activities shall be conducted for educational purposes. Students or staff desiring to form an extra-classroom activity shall petition the building principal in writing, specifically stating the purpose, activities and potential membership of the organization.

- If, in the opinion of the building principal, the proposed extra-classroom activity is for an educational purpose, there is sufficient student interest, and a suitable Faculty Advisor is available, the principal shall recommend the establishment of the proposed organization to the Superintendent.
- All extra-classroom activity organizations require the recommendation of the Superintendent and the approval of the Board of Education.
- The Superintendent or his/her designee shall maintain a list of all approved extra-classroom activity organizations.
- As required by the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, each extra-classroom activity organization shall have a Faculty Advisor recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education.
- As required by the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, each extra-classroom organization shall adopt a constitution that shall define the purposes of the organization, duties of its officers, membership prerequisites, rules of procedure and other necessary matters. The Faculty Advisor and the principal shall approve the constitution of each organization. A copy of the constitution shall be on file in the office of the principal.
- As required by the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, each extra-classroom activity shall have a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The treasurer shall be the Student Activity Treasurer described by the Regulations of the Commissioner. The student members of the organization may elect the Student Activity Treasurer or he/she may be appointed by the Chief Faculty Counselor. Franklin Early Childhood Center is exempted due to the age of the students.
- On an annual basis, each extra-classroom activity is required to complete an Application for Club Charter and submit a copy to the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business.
- If, in the opinion of the building principal, an existing extra-classroom activity should be dissolved, the building principal shall make a written recommendation to dissolve the extra-classroom activity to the Superintendent.
- Fraternities, sororities, secret societies and other self-perpetuating, exclusive organizations are contrary to and inconsistent with the principles of good education. Therefore, the activities of such non-school sponsored organizations should not take place in the buildings, grounds, facilities or properties of the school district.

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