

5015 (JJA) Student Activities and Organizations 5015 (JJA)

It is the policy of the Milford School Board to encourage opportunities for all students residing in the Milford School District to participate in co- or extra-curricular activities and programs designed to meet their needs and interests. Co- and extra-curricular activities include, but are not necessarily limited to athletics (including intramurals), band, chorus, clubs, organizations, and school dances. Such activities and programs are intended to supplement and enrich regular academic instruction, provide opportunities for social development, encourage participation in clubs, athletics, performing groups, and encourage service to the school and community. Any student organization and school or district-sanctioned team, club, or activity with a budgetary impact must be recommended by the building Principal and approved by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall include co-curricular activities and positions within the budget development process. New activities shall be recommended to the Superintendent by building Principals on a trial, non-funded basis. Following that, the Superintendent shall provide a recommendation to the School Board for the funding of the activity as part of the District's budget, including a three-year projection of costs.

A. Eligibility.

To participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, all students must meet eligibility requirements and understand that such participation is a privilege, not a right. The Superintendent is directed to establish eligibility standards and procedures for acceptable academic performance, good citizenship/sportsmanship, parental permission, fees, and physical exams/health requirements. The eligibility standards and procedures will be published in the student/parent handbooks. The building Principal or designee will verify that all students meet eligibility requirements prior to the students' participation in the activity and must be trained on the requirements of Board policy 3551 (JJJ).

In addition, participation in interscholastic sports or other school activities affiliated with outside organizations (e.g., the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, the New Hampshire Music Educators Association, etc.) is subject to the rules and eligibility requirements of those organizations. Additional Board policies, administrative regulations, or activity rules may apply to specific programs, clubs, and activities. In the event that a program has reached capacity, determinations must be made in the same manner as described in Section A of Board policy 3551 (JJJ).

B. Participation by Home Education and Other Non-Enrolled District Students.

Participation in student activities and organizations must have the same eligibility and participation requirements for District students and for home educated, charter school, or non-enrolled District students. See Board policy 3551 (JJJ) for information on participation by such students.

A cost may be incurred for any family/student receiving EFA Funds.

C. Appeals.

Any student/parent who believes that the District's policies/regulations or the State's laws/regulations have not been appropriately or fairly interpreted regarding eligibility or participation in a student activity or organization may appeal in the same manner as provided in Section E of Board policy 3551 (JJJ).

D. Administrative Regulations or Procedures.

The Superintendent or designee may adopt such administrative regulations or procedures as they deem appropriate in order to implement this policy. Such regulations or procedures must also comply with Board policy 3551 (JJJ).

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