

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ELIGIBILITY

The Long Hill Township Board of Education (BOE) believes that a variety of extracurricular activities should be available to students to further physical development as well as development of sportsmanship and cooperation among students and faculty. Participation in extracurricular activities is an earned privilege and is secondary to the primary objective of the schools, which is to provide the best possible academic education.

Scheduling of interscholastic and co-curricular events shall not interfere with either the regular school day or any other academic obligation of students, i.e. after school homework or detention.

Extracurricular activities include (but are not limited to):

- A. Interscholastic Athletics;
- B. Band;
- C. Chorus;
- D. School Paper;
- E. Student Council;
- F. Intramural Sports.

Equal access to school facilities shall be granted to all activities that meet this definition.

The Chief School Administrator (CSA) shall prepare procedures to implement an extracurricular program which shall:

- A. Assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district;
- B. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff;
- C. Guard against the exploitation of pupils;
- D. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models;
- E. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the extracurricular program and staff;
- F. Ensure that all extracurricular activities are open to all eligible pupils and that all pupils are fully informed of the opportunities open to them;

Only persons in the employ of a BOE shall be permitted to organize district pupils during school time or during any recess in the school day for purposes of instruction or coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

No activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this BOE unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Chief School Administrator (CSA). Fund raising activities of extracurricular groups must be approved by the Board.

All pupils in good disciplinary and academic standing shall have equal access to all extracurricular activities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, place of residence within the district, social or economic status, or nonapplicable disability.

Good Disciplinary Standing

Good disciplinary standing shall mean that a pupil is not eligible to participate while serving a detention or suspension. Eligibility of a student with excessive detentions and/or suspensions will be reviewed by the administration.

- A. When a pupil already participating in an extracurricular activity is reported for an infraction of the rules for pupil conduct, the principal shall consider whether the pupil shall be removed from any or all extracurricular activities.
- B. If a pupil was in bad disciplinary standing the previous term, the principal shall determine whether the pupil shall be permitted to participate during the current term.

Good Academic Standing

In order to participate in extracurricular activities, a student must have a C- average and have passed every subject in the previous making period. The principal, in consultation with the guidance counselor and the faculty advisor, with input from staff members may declare a student ineligible to participate at any time during any activity if the student's behavior, effort, or academic achievement should become a serious concern.

A pupil who begins the year not in good academic standing, who maintains a passing grade in every subject may request consideration to participate in extracurricular activities at the beginning of the next marking period.

Attendance

The district's attendance policy shall also apply.

Implementation

The CSA shall direct development of detailed regulations to ensure equitable implementation of this policy. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that all extra-curricular programs and their operation comply with district affirmative action/equity requirements. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring groups may be exempt from the eligibility requirement at the CSA's discretion.

A "pay-to-play" program is in effect in the Long Hill Township School District and will remain as long as fiscally necessary. The pay-to-play program means that a fee will be collected from parents/guardians to assist with expenses related to the stipends for coaches/advisors and the athletic director, expenses related to travel, game officials, equipment and any other program expenses.

If a student is issued a uniform for participation in a team sport, the family will be responsible for any related uniform expenses. All payments may be made in cash, check or money order made payable to "The Long Hill Township Board of Education."

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Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.	Law Against Discrimination
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3	Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals
N.J.S.A. 18A:19-14	Funds derived from pupil activities
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-20	Participation in courses in which verbalizing unessential to understanding of subject matter; location of and children in bilingual programs
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5, -6	Certain student organizations declared harmful
N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq.	New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act
N.J.A.C. 6:3-8.1 et seq.	Athletics Procedures

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N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.1	Review of mandated programs and services
N.J.A.C. 6:11-3.24	Athletics personnel
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1 et seq.	Managing for Equality and Equity in Education
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.2	Career Awareness and Exploration
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2	Required student medical examinations
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

20 U.S.C.A. 4071 – Equal Access Act

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 et seq. – Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Krupp v. Bd. of Ed. Of Union County Reg. H.S. Dist. #1, 278 N.J. Super 31 (App. Div. 1994) cert. den. 140 N.J. 277 (1994)

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 U.S. 2093 (2001)

NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (September 2002)

Possible Cross References:

1322	Contests for pupils
2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
3453	School activity funds
5113	Absences and Excuses
5126	Awards for achievement
5131	Harassment, Bullying, Intimidation and Threatening Behavior Prevention
5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
6010	Goals and objectives
6142	Subject fields
6142.12	Career education