

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Background

The Division believes that a total educational program involves not only curricular activities during regular school hours, but also extra-curricular activities that provide opportunity for participation by all students and staff. The Division is prepared to consider some measure of financial support for extra-curricular programs which have their origin within the school or the school system.

Extra-curricular activities are associated with school-related activities and for the most part occur outside regular school hours to protect instructional time. They are not a required part of student work. These are activities in which students and staff choose to devote time and effort and to, and become involved in because they are of personal interest. They include, but are not limited to, team and individual sports, drama clubs, debate clubs, computer clubs, yearbook committees, student leadership activities, etc.

The Division will cooperate with agencies at the local, provincial, and federal levels in programs involving students, provided such activities have the approval of the principals and the Director.

Procedures

1. The Director authorizes the development of an extra-curricular program in each school and further authorizes the implementation of such programs by its staff, parents and volunteers within school hours or at other times, on the school site and beyond. All such programs shall be approved by the principal.
2. The principal shall include extra-curricular activities in the program of the school within the limitations resulting from approved budgets, legislation, Board policy, Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association guidelines and administrative procedures.
3. The principal shall implement and manage the extra-curricular program to ensure that student participation is voluntary and that it represents a balanced and well-rounded program of inter-school and intramural activities and athletics, activities such as student council, social activities, classroom-related and special interest clubs, performing arts, publications, educational tours, and the like. The extra-curricular program shall reflect student needs and the availability of staff and facilities.
4. The principal, in consultation with staff and the School Community Council, shall prepare on an annual basis a written outline of the goals and objectives of the extra-curricular program, the extra-curricular activities provided and the individuals responsible for the activities.

5. The principal shall arrange for persons to be responsible for each of the extra-curricular activities, subject to the guidelines established by the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association, AP 215 Physical Education Safety Guidelines and in each school.
6. The principal shall arrange for an annual independent check of the financial transactions of the student council or other school accounts.
7. On an annual basis, the principal shall inform the teaching staff and others who have volunteered their services of their responsibility and authority for the supervision of extra-curricular activities during school hours or at other times, on the school site and beyond.

References:

Section 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 179, *The Education Act, 1995*
Preamble, Section 5, Local Collective Bargaining Agreement
GSSD AP Manual 215, 215 A, 261, 310, 498, 551, 552
GSSD Forms Manual: Form 261-1; Form 261-2; Form 552-1

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