

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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1 The [Transylvania County Board of Education](#) (the “board”) recognizes the value of  
2 interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities in promoting leadership and team skills,  
3 practicing democratic principles, and encouraging the lifelong learning process. Students are  
4 encouraged to participate in opportunities available at the school, including interscholastic  
5 athletics and student organizations. All activities are open to all students attending that school  
6 unless a restriction is justified and has been approved by the principal. The principal shall ensure  
7 that students and parents are notified of the various opportunities for participation in  
8 extracurricular activities. The principal shall establish any rules necessary for school- and  
9 student-initiated extracurricular activities.

### 10 11 **A. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS**

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13 Participation in extracurricular activities, including student organizations and  
14 interscholastic athletics, is a privilege, not a right, and may be reserved for students in  
15 good academic standing who meet behavior standards established by the board and the  
16 school. Participation in extracurricular activities may be restricted if a student (1) is not  
17 performing at grade level as provided in policy 3400, Evaluation of Student Progress; (2)  
18 has exceeded the number of absences allowed by policy 4400, Attendance; (3) has  
19 violated the student conduct standards found in the 4300 series of policies; or (4) has  
20 violated school rules for conduct. In addition, in order to be eligible for interscholastic  
21 athletics participation, students must have been in daily attendance eighty-five percent  
22 (85%) of the previous semester and must meet all eligibility standards of the North  
23 Carolina High School Athletic Association, the North Carolina Department of Public  
24 Instruction, and any locally established requirements for interscholastic athletics  
25 participation.

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27 School administrators choosing to exercise the authority to restrict participation based  
28 upon any of the reasons provided in this paragraph shall provide this policy and any  
29 additional rules developed by the superintendent or the principal to all parents or  
30 guardians and students. The grievance procedure provided in policy 1740/4010, Student  
31 and Parent Grievance Procedure, may be utilized by parents or students who believe that  
32 a student has been aggrieved by a decision made pursuant to this policy.

### 33 34 **B. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

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36 1. Extracurricular activities may be used as a component of an at-risk student’s  
37 intervention plan. The intervention plan may include providing for or restricting  
38 the student’s participation in extracurricular activities. If the plan restricts the  
39 student’s participation, the plan must include other intervention strategies  
40 designed to improve student performance.
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42 2. Students with disabilities must be accorded the legal rights required by federal  
43 and state law.

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45           3. School administrators shall facilitate the inclusion and participation of  
46 transitioning military children in extracurricular activities, to the extent they are  
47 otherwise qualified, by:  
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49           a. providing information about extracurricular activities to transitioning  
50 military children; and  
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52           b. waiving application deadlines.  
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54 Legal References: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12132, 28 C.F.R. pt. 35; Equal  
55 Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 4071-4074; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400  
56 *et seq.*, 34 C.F.R. pt. 300; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 705(20), 794, 34 C.F.R. pt. 104;  
57 G.S. 115C art. 9, 115C-47(4), -391, -407.5; *Policies Governing Services for Children with*  
58 *Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy GCS-D-000; N.C. High School Athletic  
59 Association Handbook; Middle/Junior High School Athletic Manual, available at  
60 <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/healthfulliving/athletics/>  
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62 Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Student and Parent Grievance  
63 Procedure (policy 1740/4010), Evaluation of Student Progress (policy 3400), Student Promotion  
64 and Accountability (policy 3420), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430), Children of Military  
65 Families (policy 4050), Student Behavior Policies (4300 series), Attendance (policy 4400),  
66 Community Use of Facilities (policy 5030)  
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