

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.

A. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

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 applicable eligibility standards of the
23 North Carolina High School Athletic Association, the North Carolina Department of
24 Public Instruction, and any locally established requirements for interscholastic athletics
25 participation. Students in the sixth grade are eligible to participate in all interscholastic
26 athletics except football.

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

B. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 37 1. Students with disabilities must be accorded the legal rights required by federal
38 and state law.
- 40 2. School administrators shall facilitate the inclusion and participation of
41 transitioning military children in extracurricular activities, to the extent they are
42 otherwise qualified, by:
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- 44 a. providing information about extracurricular activities to transitioning
45 military children; and
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47 b. waiving application deadlines.
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49 Legal References: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12132, 28 C.F.R. pt. 35; Equal
50 Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 4071-4074; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400
51 *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;
52 G.S. 115C art. 9, 115C-47(4), -390.24, -407.5; **State Board of Education Policy ATHL-001;**
53 *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy
54 ~~GCS-DEXCP-000~~; ~~State Board of Education Policy HRS-D-001~~; N.C. High School Athletic
55 Association Handbook; Middle/Junior High School Athletic Manual (NCDPI), available at
56 <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/healthfulliving/athletics/>
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58 Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Student and Parent Grievance
59 Procedure (policy 1740/4010), Evaluation of Student Progress (policy 3400), Student Promotion
60 and Accountability (policy 3420), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430), Children of Military
61 Families (policy 4050), Student Behavior Policies (4300 series), Attendance (policy 4400),
62 Community Use of Facilities (policy 5030)
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