

CO-CURRICULAR AND INTERSCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS

The School Committee believes that student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skills.

Therefore, the schools shall provide a broad and balanced program of activities geared to the various ages, interests, and needs of students.

The following should serve as guides to the organizing of student activities:

1. The schools shall observe a complementary relationship to the home and the community, planning activities with due regard for the widespread and rich facilities already available to students.
2. The assistance of parents in planning activity programs shall be encouraged.
3. The goal for each student shall be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents, and the student. This should be a shared responsibility.
4. Guidance shall be offered to encourage participation of all students in appropriate activities, and also to prevent over-emphasis on extracurricular activities at the cost of academic performance.
5. Public performances shall be kept to the minimum necessary for their educational value. These performances are to be supervised in order to prevent excessive time and effort expenditures by students. Such performances may not be held for purposes which contribute to private gain or advantage.
6. Whenever possible evening activities for public view and social activities shall be scheduled for nights that do not precede a school day.

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