

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

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# Palmyra Area School District

	<b>122. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>
1. Purpose  SC 511	<p>The Board believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom curricular program of the school.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools of this district – curricular and co-curricular – should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the district’s objectives.</p>
2. Definition  Title 22 Sec. 5.217	<p>For purposes of this policy, “co-curricular activities” shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily be marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution and available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be so informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they may be operable.</p>
3. Authority  SC 511 P.L.98-377	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Any co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>the Board’s responsibility for the provisions of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board’s policy on regular school supplies; and</p> <p>students may assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assess the needs and interests of the students of this district.</li><li>2. Involve students in the planning of co-curricular activities.</li><li>3. Be responsible to the articulated needs of students.</li><li>4. Ensure the provision of competent guidance and supervision of staff.</li><li>5. Guard against the exploitation of students.</li><li>6. Provide for a variety of experiences and a diversity of organizational models.</li><li>7. Provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.</li><li>8. Ensure that all co-curricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the co-curricular opportunities open to them.</li></ol> <p><u>Trips by Clubs and Organizations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All requests are subject to the review of the appropriate principal or the Superintendent.</li><li>2. Clubs or organizations shall pay full expenses (transportation, chaperones, substitute teacher costs, etc.) as needed.</li><li>3. Additional teachers functioning as chaperones will be required to use personal days or unpaid days for work days missed.</li><li>4. Regulations concerning transportation shall be the same as those required for educational trips.</li></ol> <p><u>Extra-Curricular Programs</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The programs shall provide pupils opportunities to develop leadership and initiative, and to pursue personal interests which are consistent with the educational policy and programs of the school system.</li><li>2. The programs shall be scheduled on school time or after the regular school hours.</li></ol>
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3. Each activity group shall consist of a student president, student treasurer and faculty advisor as a minimum requirement.
4. The programs shall be under the supervision of the principal or his/her designee.
5. The principal shall see that the programs do not impede the curricular studies.

Approval of Pupil Organizations and Activities

1. All programs, clubs and organizations shall be approved by the Board of School Directors along with copies of their by-laws.
2. Eligibility rules for pupil participation shall be approved by the principal.

Eligibility for Membership

1. No secret club or organization may exist.
2. No organization that does not uphold the principles of a free society or that practices discrimination will be permitted to function.
3. Only the requirement of reasonable abilities and qualifications will be permitted.

Equal Access Act

P.L.98-377

The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for one or more noncurriculum related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. Noninstructional time is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other such limitations as felt reasonably necessary.

The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that the attendance of students at such meetings is on a voluntary basis.

