

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

The following will serve as guides in the organization of student activities:

1. The schools will observe a complementary relationship to the home and community, planning activities with due regard for the widespread and rich facilities already available to students.
2. The assistance of parent/guardians in planning activity programs will be encouraged.
3. The goal for each student will be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parent/guardians, and the student. This should be a shared responsibility.
4. Guidance will be offered to encourage participation of all students in appropriate activities and to prevent over-emphasis on extracurricular activities at the cost of academic performance.
5. All activities will be supervised; all clubs and groups will have a faculty advisor.
6. The school district shall provide equal opportunity, in accordance with applicable law, for male and female students to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports. The Superintendent shall provide by June 1 of each year a report on the district's compliance with this policy.
7. In accordance with this policy, it is the desire of the committee that fundraising activities and monetary and non-monetary contributions by private entities be done in an equitable manner. To further this objective, the Committee shall require the following:
 1. Each athletic booster club (incorporated and ad hoc) shall prepare annually a financial report to be provided to the Athletic Department and to made available to the public (by June 1).
 2. If a booster club is not incorporated, money raised shall be deposited to an account in the Arlington High School General Fund designated for that sport.

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