GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Policy: Extra-Curricular Activities

Reference No: P-PR-06

The Greater Essex County District School Board values the important role those extra-curricular activities (both sport and non-sport) play in the development of our students. Activities provided by our schools are meant to complement and enhance the academic program so that all students have an opportunity to enjoy a well-rounded educational experience. Extra-curricular programs are a privilege for students to enrich their school lives. All schools in the Greater Essex County District School Board must develop a school policy for participation in extra-curricular activities.

N.B. Also see PR-01 Field Trips and Excursions

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1. It is the responsibility of the Principal in consultation with staff and school council, to develop an extra-curricular policy for their school which is consistent with other GECDSB policies as well as those of any applicable governing bodies for example, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), Windsor and Essex County Secondary Schools Athletic Association (WECSSAA), South Western Ontario School Athletic Association (SWOSSAA) and Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSSA).

2. This policy must be published annually in the schools' student handbook and be communicated to staff, students and parents/guardians. The policy will be made available to the Superintendent upon request.

3. All schools will develop an appeal policy for students deemed ineligible for participation as a result of the extra-curricular policy. This appeal policy should be included in the published school policy.

4. The Principal shall consider a broad spectrum of factors when determining eligibility including but not limited to academics, behavior and attendance:

a) Academics

There is no set academic average to determine eligibility. The principal must review eligibility of any student failing one or more courses in a semestered school or two or more classes in a semestered or non-semestered school. Special consideration should be given to all students especially those who have an Individualized Education Plan and Student Success clients.

b) Behaviour

Student's behavior must be in good standing at the school as determined by the Principal.

c) Attendance

Unacceptable attendance and lack of punctuality may cause a student to be deemed ineligible. The principal will determine eligibility based on their assessment of the attendance records taking into account explained legitimate absences as well as unexplained absences.

5. All extra-curricular activities must be sponsored by a staff member as approved by the school Principal.