

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Ledyard Board of Education believes that a robust and diverse extracurricular program is essential to the goal of preparing students to become productive and responsible citizens. The overall objectives of the extracurricular program are manifold, including the intellectual, social, physical, cultural, musical, personal, artistic and political development of participating students.

There shall be a proper balance between activities which require special skills for participation and those that require only a willingness to be an active participant.

Extracurricular activities may be recreational and/or educational. They shall be based on active participation by students with adequate supervision, guidance or instruction by a person or persons assigned by the administration.

Extracurricular activities shall augment but not detract from the educational program.

The duration of extracurricular activities shall be reasonable and commensurate with the requirements and objectives of the particular activity.

Each advisor or coach shall establish necessary regulations or training rules pertaining to participation in each activity, including the number of participants, time, frequency, and duration of meetings, absences, grooming, deportment and the care of equipment.

The addition of an extracurricular activity that requires funding by the District requires the prior approval of the Superintendent. This approval is required for all activities that were not funded in the previous school year, even if the activity had been funded in prior years.

Students may be charged a reasonable fee for participation in extracurricular activities. Any such fees must be approved in advance by the Superintendent.

Eligibility for Participation

Extracurricular activities are open to all students attending Ledyard Public Schools.

Specific criteria for eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities shall be established by the school Principal. Participation in interscholastic athletics is also governed by CIAC bylaws.

Legal Reference: Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Bylaws, Article IX, Appendix B – *Rules of Eligibility and Control for Boys and Girls High School Athletics*

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