

# SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

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	122. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee believes that the school's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the school. The Joint Operating Committee strongly supports vocational student organizations.
2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.1	For purposes of this policy, <b>extracurricular activities</b> shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Joint Operating Committee; are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate, and shall ordinarily include clubs.
3. Authority SC 511, 1850.1 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103	<p>The Joint Operating Committee shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of the Joint Operating Committee when it has been approved by the Joint Operating Committee on recommendation of the Administrative Director.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that:</p>
Pol. 110	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Joint Operating Committee's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as stated in the policy on regular school supplies.</li> <li>2. Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at extracurricular events and trips.</li> <li>3. Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Joint Operating Committee shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.</li> </ol>

<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, whether or not via school furnished transportation.</li> <li>2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.</li> <li>3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.</li> <li>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> <li>6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</li> </ol>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to students.</li> </ol>
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Invites the participation of parents/guardians and community in developing of extracurricular activities. Such participation shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</li> <li>3. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.</li> <li>4. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.</li> <li>5. Guards against exploitation of students.</li> <li>6. Provides a variety of experiences and diversity of organizational models.</li> </ol>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.</li> <li>8. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.</li> </ol> <p><u>Extracurricular Activities At Sending School</u></p> <p>It is the intent of the SUN Area Technical Institute to encourage a student's participation in extracurricular activities at their sending school; therefore, early dismissals from the school to participate in these activities will be permitted. However, certain steps are necessary to receive this privilege:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will make this request to their sending high school principal.</li> <li>2. The sending high school principal shall contact the school of their approval for a student's early dismissal.</li> <li>3. Students will be dismissed individually with transportation supplied by the sending school or the individual student.</li> </ol>
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The school shall provide secondary students the opportunity for 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 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.</p> <p><b>Noninstructional time</b> is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The school retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises in order to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1850.1

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 103, 110, 218