

## **CO-CURRICULAR AND INTERSCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS**

The Pleasants County Board of Education affirms its view that the participation of students in extracurricular activities associated with competitive and performing groups is a desirable and worthwhile aspect of the total educational experience. It is the position of the Board that all such activities and transportation arrangements be governed and regulated by WV state school laws and policies.

Where applicable, activities and competitive events must be appropriately sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission and/or the appropriate regulatory body.

Activities should be organized or perpetuated in the schools so long as the activity meets the need(s) of the pupils for whom they are provided. Principals and school leadership teams have the flexibility to evaluate the need for and or purpose of activities and make adjustments as warranted. Final discretion falls within the governance of the principal. Principals are expected to keep the Superintendent apprised of changes and especially when any activity is questionable in nature of organization, purpose, or operation.

All activities must carry voluntary membership and pressure is never to be exerted in an attempt to influence student participation. All regularly enrolled full-time students shall be eligible to apply for membership in any recognized and sanctioned activity.

All student activities, clubs, and organizations which function under the auspices of the school systems, shall be supervised by a professional educator. For coaching positions, Pleasants County Schools will follow the guidelines established in West Virginia Code §18A-3-2A and West Virginia State Board Policy 5202 in regard to non-professionals filling such positions.

Pleasants County Schools will comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which states:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

In order to insure equal access for all students in extracurricular activities the following criteria have been adopted:

- Students, whether female or male, must be provided equal opportunity in being admitted to courses or curricular and extracurricular activities.
- Schools must provide female and male students with equal access to facilities, equipment, games and practice times, supplies, coaching, publicity, per diem and travel allowances in extracurricular activities.
- Schools should select sports that would accommodate the abilities and interest of both female and male students in order to avoid pitfalls. The levels of competition should also be a consideration in providing all students with equal opportunities in sports.

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