

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in the extracurricular life of the school, and encourages such participation. It is committed to the assignment of staff for the formation of student groups for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in an academic area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship.

Recognizing that student activities are a part of the school program, the Board has established the following rules and regulations for the conduct, operation and maintenance of extraclassroom activities:

1. Student activities may only be formed for educational and school service purposes.
2. Students wishing to establish an activity shall petition their Principal in writing. The petition shall describe the purpose and activities of the proposed activity, and shall be signed by at least seven (7) students. If the Principal determines that the activity falls within the scope of educational or school services purposes and if the necessary space and equipment are available, he/she, in conjunction with the petitioning students, shall seek a suitable advisor. The Principal shall then recommend to the Superintendent that the activity be approved by the Board.
3. All activities must be approved by the Board. The Superintendent shall maintain an up-to-date register of all activities that are approved or discontinued.
4. Each activity shall have a faculty advisor who shall attend all meetings of the activity.
5. All activities shall meet at least once monthly while school is in session. These meetings shall be held on school property, unless they have received the written consent of their Principal to meet outside school property.
6. Each activity shall have a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually from among the membership by secret ballot.
7. Each activity shall have a constitution which shall define the purpose of the organization, duties of its officers, membership prerequisites, rules of procedure, any applicable rules of the Board and the school, and such other matters as deemed necessary. The constitution shall be approved by the faculty advisor and the Building Principal, and a copy of the constitution shall be on file in the Principal's office.

Student Activities Funds Management

All student activities funds shall be handled in accordance with the financial procedures illustrated by Finance Pamphlet 2, The Safeguarding, Accounting, and Auditing of Extraclassroom Activity Funds, published by the New York State Education Department.

All leftover funds of accounts designated inactive and of graduated classes at Saranac High School will be transferred to the Student Council Fund.

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5210, Student Organizations

Ref: Education Law §207
8 NYCRR Part 172
Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. V. Doe, ___ U.S. ___, ___S.Ct. ___, 2000W 775587, No. 99-62 (June 19, 2000) (constitutionality of student-led prayers at interscholastic athletic activities)

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