

Raymond School District Policy – JJA

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

It is the policy of the Board to allow opportunities for all students to participate in co-curricular activities designed to meet their needs and interests.

Such activities must supplement and enrich regular academic instruction, provide opportunities for social development, encourage participation in clubs, athletics and performing groups, or encourage service to the school and community. These co-curricular activities support students in making choices and developing skills.

Any student organization must be approved by the Principal. An important goal is to provide students with a well-rounded, supported education.

In this policy, the term “co-curricular activities” means any student organization or activity that is supervised by contracted personnel and is independent of credit courses, including, but not limited to, Student Council, Peer Outreach, Student Leadership, Drama, Interact, Art, Math, Class Officers, and Honor Societies. (Note: Participating in Band and Choral required performances are considered part of the course and not co-curricular activity.) Festival trips and competitions with a financial component are not part of coursework. Co-curricular activities in this policy do not include sporting activities.

Eligibility

To participate in co-curricular activities, all students must meet eligibility requirements and understand that such participation is a privilege, not a right. The Superintendent is directed to establish eligibility standards and procedures for acceptable academic performance, good citizenship, responsibility and appropriate behavior. The eligibility standards and procedures for participation in co-curricular activities will be published in the student/parent handbooks. The student shall be subject to the standards stated in JJA-R, Co-Curricular Participation.

Participation

Students who participate in co-curricular activities will be required to adhere to high standards and expectations because a student who represents their school through clubs and organizations, student government, or the arts has a responsibility to uphold the integrity of the school.

The district allows students enrolled in other schools – including charter schools, non-public schools, and home schools – to participate on an equal basis in any activity offered by the district that is not offered at a student’s school of attendance, provided they meet the eligibility requirements for participation and the requirements of Raymond School District Policy IHBG-R, Home Education/Dual Enrollment. This applies to:

1. Students who are residents of this school district but who are being educated in a home school may participate provided they comply with all laws governing non-public home-based education.

2. Students who are residents of the district who are being educated in an independent or parochial school if the school in which the student is enrolled does not sponsor the activity.

The Superintendent is directed to establish procedures for application of students enrolled in other schools and an appeal process to implement this participation allowance.

Participation Fees

Non-enrolled students participating in district co-curricular activities are subject to the same fees charged to enrolled students for the activity.

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