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The Board of Education believes that the goals and objectives of this district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular instructional program of the school. The purpose of such co-curricular activities shall be to develop leadership capacities and good organizational skills, to aid in the socialization of pupils, and to enable pupils to explore a wider range of individual interests than might be available in the regular curricular program.

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies, and equipment available and assign staff members for the support of a program of co-curricular activities for pupils in grades five through eight. The Board shall maintain the program of co-curricular activities at no cost to participating pupils, except that pupils may be required to provide supplies in accordance with Board Policy No. 2520 on instructional supplies and pupils may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at co-curricular events and trips.

For purposes of this policy, co-curricular activities are those activities conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of pupils sponsored by the Board and do not include athletic competitions and practices. Co-curricular activities must be related to the curriculum but are not offered for credit toward promotion or graduation and are ordinarily conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities by organizations of pupils during pupil activity periods. No group of pupils, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at their meeting.

No co-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it has been approved by the Board on recommendation of the Superintendent.

Pupils shall be fully informed of the co-curricular activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities shall be available to all pupils who voluntarily elect to participate.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.



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Hamburg School District has eligibility requirements for participation in co-curricular activities, and these guidelines will be followed:

1. Any pupil who has an academic grade point average below 73 for any marking period will not be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities. This includes participating in practice sessions and attending practice sessions. This pertains to participation in co-curricular activities.
2. Any pupil who has an academic grade point average below 73 at time of the issuance of the end of term report cards or mid-marking period interim report period will not be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities for a ten academic day probationary period. This includes participating in practice sessions and games and attending practice session and games. At the conclusion of the probationary period, if the pupil has improved his or her average to be 73 or above, he or she may be reinstated to the activity after contacting and verifying the improvement with his or her teacher that issued the sub-73 grade.
3. Any pupil with two F's on a report card will not be eligible to participate, regardless of the grade point average.
4. Homeroom teachers must submit an Ineligibility Worksheet for each such pupil to the office. Homeroom faculty should also inform each student of his/her situation.
5. Homeroom teachers are asked to review the academic progress made by all pupils at interim time as well as at Report Card time. Students may be removed or added to the Ineligible list at either time.

No pupil who has been absent for a school day may participate in a co-curricular activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

The Board may permit pupils who reside in this district and who are not enrolled in the public school to participate in noncompetitive co-curricular activities on a space-available basis. Participants will be permitted only on written application and the applicant's assurances that the pupil agrees to be bound by the policies, rules, and regulations of this district.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to implement a co-curricular program and shall assess the needs and interests of the pupils of this district and provide for the continuing evaluation of the co-curricular program.

39 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3; 18A:42-2; 18A:42-5

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At the start of each school year a list of athletic and extra-curricular activities will be provided for each pupil in grades five through grade eight.

A team meeting will be held for each activity to discuss rules and expected behaviors.

Pupils will be informed that if they choose to quit they will not be allowed to return to the team for that season.

Appropriate discipline and positive sportsmanship will be stressed.

All coaches should meet at the start of each school year to establish "practice time" and "use of facility" schedules.

A schedule for season practice times and games will be available for pupils for planning.

Sign-ups will follow initial team meetings.

Sign-ups will be initially grades five, six, seven, and eight. Grade five pupils will be allowed to participate if they are needed to field a team.

Eighth grade participants must earn positions on a team; no guarantees should be expected.

If grade five pupils are selected to field a team, they will be fielded on the junior varsity team only.

Guidelines for sport procedures may be reviewed periodically and any change to procedures must be approved by the Building Principal or Superintendent.

The Board of Education shall pay the cost of criminal background check for volunteers that work with the athletic programs.

Cheerleading

1. There will be varsity and junior varsity cheerleading teams.
2. Cheerleaders are subject to try-outs by a team of experienced coaches including the coach.
3. Grade five cheerleaders will not be eligible for competition events.



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4. There will be separate tryouts for competition. Two alternates from the J.V. squad may be selected.
5. There will be a failsafe for grade eight pupils who have been on varsity for the previous two years.
6. More experienced pupils should help with the newer members.

Team Meeting

1. Pupils will be told if they quit they will not be allowed to return.
2. Discipline and sportsmanship will be issues.
3. A pupil suspended on the day of a game or practice will not be allowed to attend the event.
4. Teamwork and expected attendance at practice sessions and games will be stressed.
5. Behavior requirements and participant responsibilities will be discussed.
6. Academic ineligibility will keep you off the team.

Notification to Parents

1. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be notified of procedures.
2. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will receive an explanation that there is a possibility that some pupils will not be selected for varsity or junior varsity, practice times, game schedules and a statement of commitment.

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