

## **STUDENT CLUBS**

Pattonville recognizes three categories of secondary school (high school) clubs: Co-curricular Clubs, Non-curricular Clubs, and Non-School Regulated Athletic Clubs. Annually, the Activities Director will provide professional development for all staff assigned as a faculty monitor for Co-curricular and Non-curricular Clubs. The training shall include a review of all policies related to clubs, budgeting and advertising. Staff will sign a form stating they attended the training and understand district policies related to their involvement as a faculty monitor. Clubs may not meet, access facilities, advertise or have access to budgeted funds until the faculty monitor is trained.

Co-curricular Clubs: An activity or group primarily involving students and occurring outside of academic class time, where:

- The subject matter of the activity or group is a direct extension of learning objectives taught in a specific and regularly offered course;
- The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole;
- Participation in the group is a requirement of the course;
- The activity or group is required for DESE program accreditation; or
- Academic credit is granted for participation.

Co-curricular clubs must have a duly-appointed faculty monitor. It shall be the duty of such individuals to attend all meetings, functions or practices of the various groups, to advise and supervise students, and keep the building principal informed regarding activities.

Non-curricular Clubs: An activity or group primarily involving students and occurring outside of academic class time that does not meet the standard for a Co-curricular club and is not a MSHSAA Sponsored Activity. Such clubs are permitted to meet in the secondary school (high school) of the district. The school shall provide equal access and a fair opportunity to all non-curricular clubs to organize and to meet on school premises during the times established for such meetings. Furthermore, the school shall not discriminate against any non-curricular clubs on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other content of speech. All non-curricular clubs shall abide by the following criteria:

- 1) The meeting is voluntary and student initiated.
- 2) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school. This means that such employees cannot promote, lead or participate in a meeting. However, a teacher or other school employee can be assigned to a group for monitoring purposes.
- 3) Employees of the school, including faculty monitors, are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity.

- 4) The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
- 5) Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

Non-curricular clubs must meet before or after the school academic day. They may not meet during the academic school day. School officials have the right to monitor club meetings and clubs must conform with school policies, including non-discrimination policies. However, religious clubs may choose persons of their own faith in their selection of officers.

Participation in non-curricular groups does not qualify for academic credit and may not be a course requirement. Any relation to the adopted curriculum or a particular course is coincidental unless the group itself chooses to relate them.

The viewpoints of clubs that promote specific religious, political, philosophical or other content of speech do not necessarily represent those of the Pattonville School District.

In addition, it shall be the duty of faculty monitors of Non-curricular clubs to attend all club activities and keep the building principal or designee informed regarding club activities.

**Non School Regulated Athletic Clubs:** An athletic team or related club for which Pattonville is not a member of MSHSAA or is a non MSHSAA sport. Such clubs are not assigned a faculty monitor and do not receive funds from the school or district. The clubs may advertise and use facilities in accordance with district policy.

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