

## INSTRUCTION

A. Generally

No student will be deprived of any activity sponsored by the school division in which he/she is eligible to participate. The justification for such activities rests upon the extent to which they contribute to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Lynchburg City Schools.

Extracurricular activities in the nature of clubs and athletics shall be approved by the principal of the respective school. They shall be approved and reviewed by the board in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Education.

B. Athletic Program: Secondary Level

The athletic program for the secondary schools should strive to build upon and continue the tradition of excellence and broad participation.

The guiding principle for a successful program shall be to make available to students many varied sports activities through which every interested student can develop his/her particular skills and talents.

The program shall seek excellence and encourage participation. Each school will have the authority and responsibility under the direction of the superintendent for conducting an after-school athletic program.

All schools will work together through designated officials to exchange equipment, combine purchasing, develop scheduling, secure transportation and similar items for the best interest of the total program and the school division.

C. Administration

The principal of each school will be responsible for the general administration and supervision of the extracurricular program within that school.

Legal Reference:

Virginia Board of Education Regulations, 8 VAC 20-131-200 "Governing the Accreditation of Public Schools in Virginia" -School-sponsored extracurricular activities shall be under the direct supervision of the staff and shall contribute to the educational objectives of the school. Extracurricular activities must be organized to avoid interrupting the instructional program. Extracurricular activities shall not be permitted to interfere with the student's required instructional activities. Extracurricular activities and eligibility requirements shall be established and approved by the superintendent and the school board. Activities which help a student meet the objectives of the course may be considered part of the instructional program; they are not considered extracurricular activities as long as they do not interfere with instruction in other courses. (1997)

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Extracurricular Activities (continued)

U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare/Office for Civil Rights, Final Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972 Prohibiting Sex Discrimination in Education (effective date: July 21, 1975). § 86-41. Athletics. (Effective dates: elementary schools, July 21, 1976; secondary schools, July 21, 1978.)

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare/Office of Education, Final Regulation Implementing Amendments to Part B of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. See also Federal Register, Vol. 42, No. 163, August 23, 1977. (Effective date: October 1, 1977.) 121a. 306. Nonacademic services.--"a. Each public agency shall take steps to provide nonacademic and extracurricular services in such manner as is necessary to afford handicapped children an equal opportunity for participation in those activities."

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