School Activities Supervision

Policy Number: 4302

I. Purpose

Summit Academy Board of Trustees recognizes that extracurricular activities provide students with a breadth of experience, leadership training, and citizenship values not always provided in subject matter courses. The Board encourages the school administrators and staff to determine, plan, and execute, with the approval of the Executive Director, those student activities which in their good judgment will implement, support, and be consistent with the regular academic program. These activities shall be in harmony with Board policies. High School programs should align with the bylaws and rules of the Utah High School Activities Association. Competitive sports programs may be supplementary to the high school curriculum. They shall encourage students to develop and maintain high standards of personal conduct, academic prowess, civic responsibility, loyal citizenship, and wholesome school spirit.

II. Definitions

Extracurricular Activities: an activity at a school pursued in addition to the normal course of study.

III. Policy

Summit Academy believes that class and extracurricular activities are integral components of the educational program and curriculum. School administrators shall plan and oversee such activities to ensure quality, balance, and alignment with the Summit Academy's educational objectives.

A. Student Events Sponsored by the Schools
   1. All student events or social activities conducted under the name of Summit Academy shall have the approval of the school administration. The administration shall be responsible for ensuring that such activities are supervised by licensed personnel.
   2. All student activities shall conclude at a time designated by the school administration.

B. School-Sponsored Gatherings - Programs, Parties, Picnics, Carnivals, etc.
   1. The number of activities approved shall be determined by the school administration and abide by LEA fundraising policy.
   2. Middle schools and elementary schools are encouraged to schedule student activities during regular school time, when possible.

C. Safety Precautions
   1. No activities shall be scheduled that in any way violate safety precautions.
   2. Students and staff will follow all Summit Academy expectations for behavior.
   3. Vendors or contracted services must meet Summit Academy requirements to provide assurances, including evidence of active insurance, etc.

D. Activities After Athletic Contests:
   There shall be no dances or other activities held immediately after an interschool athletic contest.

E. Student Involvement in Planning
   Students, under proper supervision, shall share in the process of designing, developing, and guiding activities, when appropriate.

F. Selecting Activities
Selection of activities shall be determined on the basis of student need, interest, and ability. It is advisable to limit the number of activities in which a given student may participate, in order to maintain the proper balance of the students' in-class and extracurricular activities.

G. Where to Hold Activities
Whenever possible, the school campus shall be the meeting place for all activities.

H. Secret Organizations
Secret organizations or societies shall not be permitted among the students at the schools.

I. Records
Where appropriate, schools are encouraged to have for each activity a written, outlined operation.

IV. Coaches and School Activity Leaders as Supervisors

Summit Academy coaches and leaders supervising school-sponsored activities will supervise in accordance with Utah Code R277-605.

A. Coaches and other designated school leaders shall diligently supervise student athletes at all times while on school-sponsored activities, including supervising students:
   a. On the field, court or other competition or performance sites
   b. In locker rooms, in seating areas, in eating establishments, and in lodging facilities while traveling.

B. A coach or other designated school leader shall be an exemplary role model and may not use alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled substances, or participate in promiscuous activities while on school-sponsored activities.

C. Coaches, assistants, and advisors shall act in a manner that represents both Summit Academy and themselves by not:
   c. Using foul, abusive, or profane language when engaged in school-related activities.
   d. Permitting hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or not, including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order under Utah Law.

V. Athletic and Activity Clinics

Summit Academy school personnel, activity leaders, coaches, advisors, and other personnel may not require students to attend out-of-school camps. Clinics, or workshops for which the personnel, activity leaders, coaches, or advisors receive remuneration from a source other than the school or LEA in which they are employed. Required or voluntary participation in summer or other off-season clinics, workshops, and leagues may not be used as eligibility criteria for team membership, participation in extracurricular activities, or for the opportunity to try out for school-sponsored programs

VI. References

Board Rule R277-605

VII. Attachments

N/A

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