The following guidelines shall be followed in administering school-sponsored extracurricular activities:

1. Each student activity must be under the guidance and direction of a certified staff member and approved by the principal.

2. All extracurricular activities and clubs must have the approval of the principal.

3. Student activities occurring before or after regularly scheduled school hours must be under the supervision of the principal or his/her designee.

4. Secret organizations shall not be operated in any school.

5. A student shall not be required to attend an extracurricular activity that is scheduled at a time which conflicts with his/her religious practices.

6. Extracurricular activities during vacation periods shall be restricted to regularly scheduled athletic programs and major events which cannot be scheduled otherwise.

7. Student groups shall not participate in state or national activities which are not listed as approved activities by a regional accrediting association or the state and national principals' associations without the approval of the superintendent.

8. A student on out-of-school suspension shall not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities.

9. Activities which restrict participation because of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities, or national origin are strictly forbidden.¹

10. The principal or designee may use attendance in determining eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Legal References

1. 20 U.S.C. § 1703