

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular programs include the following:

1. All interscholastic athletic teams
2. The performing arts program
3. Student government
4. All student clubs and organizations

Any program of student activities should:

1. Require student participation to be on a voluntary basis.
2. Require that student activity funds be used for purposes which benefit the student body of a school, or, with the approval of the student group, for charitable contributions to local and/or non- profit organizations.
3. Require that the management of student funds be the responsibility of the students with assistance from school system staff. All funds derived from student activities, i.e. fundraisers, class dues, class dances, etc., will be accounted for in the student activities account overseen by the Principal. Timely financial status reports will be available to all co-curricular and extra-curricular groups by the student activities bookkeeper.
4. Permit the formation of student clubs and other student groups organized to promote or pursue specialized athletic, social service and social activities. Secret societies are prohibited. All organizations are subject to access by all eligible students.
 - All student clubs and organizations will
 - supplement and enrich regular academic courses;
 - provide opportunities for social development;
 - encourage service to school and community; and
 - have regularly attending participants

Students who wish to establish a new club or student organization shall first find an advisor. Every club needs to have a staff advisor who is willing to meet with the interested students and hold regular meetings after the club is formed. Students must then show that the club is needed by identifying the purpose for the club and the club's goals.

All students are encouraged to participate in the activities of the school. Inclusion in these activities in the school program is for the purpose of acquainting students with the benefits to be derived from group participation and from sharing responsibilities with others having similar interest.

The formation of any new student organization or club requires submission of a pilot club/organization request to the Principal and Superintendent for approval and recommendation for school board approval to pilot status at a regular session of the Board. Advisors of pilot student organizations will serve as volunteers. Within these guidelines is the provision that after three (3) years of existence as a pilot organization, they may be subject of a review to become recognized by the school district, with a paid advisor position. The Principal, at the end of each school year, will provide an update to the Superintendent of any pilot organizations with their recommendation as to the status of the organization.

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All student organizations will be required to open membership to all interested and/or eligible students. The conditions of student eligibility are as such:

- (1) The student must be currently enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in the Goffstown School District.
- (2) Students must not be on suspension, social or academic probation as defined in the Student Handbook;
- (3) The student must not have any outstanding financial obligations to the School District;
- (4) Students' academic responsibilities and commitment take precedence over participation. Middle school students must have passing grades (65 or above) in all subject areas by the first day that the program (try-out) begins. If at progress report or report card issuance, it is deemed that the student is not passing one or more classes, he/she may be suspended from participation until the student's grades meet the minimum requirements. High school students must be passing 5 courses to join and to continue participation. Students new to the High School (including incoming Freshman) are automatically eligible to participate during the first marking period but are subject to the passing requirement following their first report card.
- (5) The Principal may waive eligibility requirements under extenuating circumstances, subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

All student organizations:

Will be supervised by an adult, preferably a member of the faculty, who must attend every meeting and sponsored event.

1. Where possible, activities will begin at or soon after the end of the normal school day, and activities will end in time for students to ride the late bus.
2. Will be periodically reviewed to ensure the initial categorization of the activity remains current and accurate.
3. Will be evaluated at the end of each year to ensure goals of the activity are being met.

The creation or disbanding of clubs/organizations is within the authority of the School Board, following the recommendation by the Superintendent. Pilot clubs/organizations must be self-supporting for the first two years of existence. A decision to create or disband clubs is based on sustainable levels of student participation and the club's ability to be self-sustaining for two consecutive years

The District may limit, deny, or revoke an approval to an organization if necessary to:

1. Protect the physical, emotional, psychological, or moral well-being of students and faculty;
2. Maintain order and discipline on school premises; or
3. Prevent a material and substantial interference with the orderly conduct of a school's educational activities.

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