

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

General: Student activities are an important part of the total educational program. Student activities shall be scheduled so as to result in the least interference with curricular activities and classes. Student participation in student activities shall be voluntary and in accordance with any Administrative Regulations governing such participation. In order to be excused from classes to participate in student activities which are scheduled during the school day, a student shall be passing in all assigned subjects and shall be in compliance with all Administrative Regulations governing such participation.

Organizations: District shall permit the formation of student organizations as provided by Administrative regulations and procedures. Student organizations shall have at least one (1) faculty advisor and shall comply with state law, District policy, and any Administrative Regulations regarding funds from student activities.

Government: District shall permit the formation and operation of student government which shall provide students with an opportunity to participate in the workings of the democratic process. The student government shall not have any authority to make policies and/or regulations for District, nor shall they have any authority regarding disciplinary matters except for recommending the removal of a member. The student government may make recommendations to the Administration on any topic.

Publications: District may establish official District-sponsored publications as a forum for student expression. Official District-sponsored publications may include newspapers and yearbooks. The preparation, publication, and distribution of such student publications shall be done by students working under the supervision of a faculty advisor and shall be done in accordance with the law, District policy, and any applicable Administrative Regulations and procedures.

Contests and Competitions: Students may participate in various contests and competitions whether sponsored by District or by other organizations when approved by the appropriate administrator. In determining participation in contests and competitions, District administrator shall consider the primary educational aims of District and the needs and interests of the students. Contests shall not be used to promote private or commercial interests or to promote the sale of competitive goods or services. All contests to be conducted shall comply with any applicable Administrative Regulations and procedures. District may provide funds for transportation, registration, and lodging, when necessary, for students who are approved to attend district, regional, state, or other competitions.

Other Extra-curricular Activities: A well-organized and well-conducted extra-curricular program is a potent factor in the morale of the student body and an important phase of good community-school relations. Students benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually, to develop self-discipline, and to contribute to a team effort which is made possible

by participation in extra-curricular and athletic activities. The eligibility of students to participate in the District's extra-curricular programs shall be monitored by coaches, sponsors, and principals.

Insurance against accident or injury, if required by any applicable law or regulation or desired by the parent or guardian of the student, shall be provided by the student who engages in extra-curricular activities, and will not be provided by the school.

Head Injury and Concussion Prevention and Management: In an effort to maximize student safety with respect to head injuries and concussions which can occur as a result of athletic participation, District will work in conjunction with the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association ("OSSAA") to educate coaches, students, and parents/guardians about head injuries and concussions, the risks associated with head injuries and concussions, and about continuing to play after a head injury or concussion, as follows:

1. Each year prior to participation in any athletic practice or competition, students and parents/guardians shall be required to complete and sign a concussion and head injury information sheet and acknowledgment form which will be kept on file in the District. The District will utilize and distribute the sheets and forms developed by the OSSAA, copies of which may be obtained through the school administration office or on the OSSAA website; www.ossaa.com.
2. Each year, head injury and concussion fact sheets shall be provided to all coaches and trainers within the District. In addition, all coaches and trainers shall annually review relevant information and materials relating to the prevention, identification and management of head injuries and concussions.
3. Any athlete suspected of receiving a head injury or concussion during a practice or game shall be promptly removed from participation at that time.
4. An athlete who has been removed from participation in a practice or game upon suspicion of head injury or concussion shall not be allowed to return for participation in any athletic practice or game until the following three conditions have been met:
 - a. The athlete has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider who has been trained to evaluate and manage head injuries and concussions; and
 - b. Said health care provider issues a written clearance for the student to return to participation; and
 - c. The written clearance is on file with District.

*The health care provider should also offer guidance as to the appropriate levels of cognitive and physical activities in which the student should partake when returning to school.

5. Students who are recovering from a concussion are advised to limit their activities. Exercising or activities involving a lot of concentration may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or worsen. Academic adjustments for a student who returns to school while recovering from a concussion should be tailored on a case by case basis. A variety of services are offered to assist students who experience prolonged recovery in accordance with law and policy. These services include, but are not limited to, interventions, 504 Plans, and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
6. When an athlete is cleared to return to participation in a sport, such return should consist of a graduated progression. Game officials and team officials shall keep a close eye on returning athletes and shall undergo concussion training as required by law so that they can identify any signs or symptoms of initial or recurring concussions.
7. In order to facilitate communication between administrators and coaches of all school sports with respect to students with head injuries or concussions who might participate in multiple sports within the District, the District Athletic Director shall compile and distribute to all administrators and coaches a master list containing the following information about any individuals who have been removed from athletic participation due to a suspected head injury or concussion:
 - a. The athlete's name;
 - b. The date the suspected head injury or concussion occurred;
 - c. The sport in which the athlete was participating at the time of injury; and
 - d. Any other sports in which the student participates or may be participating within the District in the given school year; and
 - e. Date of return to athletic participation, along with confirmation that all three conditions for return were met.

Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act: Each year prior to participation in any athletic activity, students in grades six through twelve and their parents/guardians shall be required to complete and sign an acknowledgment of receipt and review of sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and warning signs information sheet prepared by the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education.

District may hold an informational meeting prior to the beginning of each athletic season for all ages of competitors regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. Informational meetings may include parents, students, coaches, other school officials, physicians, pediatric cardiologists and athletic trainers.

A student who collapses or faints without concurrent head injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be immediately removed by the coach from participation and shall not return to participation until the student has been evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by a health care provider as defined by law.

Annually and prior to coaching an athletic activity, a coach of an athletic activity shall complete the sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by the State Department of Health.

Field Trips: Field trips are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom and should stimulate student interest and inquiry in the subject being taught. Any out-of-state travel must be approved by the Board.

Overnight Student Trips: A request for overnight travel involving students will be made to the Superintendent or designee. If the Superintendent or designee approves, all overnight student trips will be submitted to the Board for approval and will include adult sponsors who have been approved by the Superintendent or designee. Any rooming assignments will be determined in advance of the trip by the Superintendent or a designee. The Superintendent or designee will ensure that there are an appropriate number of adult sponsors and adult sponsors will be expected to perform random inspections to ascertain whether students are in assigned locations.