

SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING POLICY

School: Okolona Elementary School

Subject of the Policy: #12 – Extracurricular Programs

Policy Statement

Extracurricular programs shall be selected based on one or more of the following criteria:

- The program complements the academic achievement of students.
- The program encourages students to develop self-confidence, self-esteem, and leadership skills.
- The program provides opportunities for students to participate in activities that encourage physical fitness, cooperation, and team building with adults and peers.
- The program provides the opportunity for students to interact socially in a positive manner with students in our school, other schools, and other districts.
- The program follows the participation guidelines as specified by Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Activities and Athletics rules and regulations as well as those of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).
- The program provides opportunities for students from all backgrounds to participate in the program activities and is intentional in its recruitment efforts.

Student Participation

- Students will be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities if they:
 - Were in attendance on the day of the activity.
 - Comply with rules established by the adult coach or sponsor for the activity.
 - Meet requirements set by the appropriate sponsoring or governing organization.
- No child shall be denied full participation in any educational program due to an inability to pay for, or rent, necessary instructional resources.

Coaches and Sponsors

Each extracurricular activity will be led by an adult coach or sponsor who meets any applicable requirements set in law, designated in school board policy for nonfaculty employees, and by the sponsoring or governing organizations. The coach, sponsor, or other approved personnel will be responsible for personally supervising or ensuring that all students are supervised by an adult while they are participating in an activity, including practice time and travel time where applicable.

Each district employee and volunteer who needs to communicate electronically with students will exclusively use the district-designated, traceable communication system.

Program Evaluation: Our extracurricular program will be evaluated through our annual policy review process.

By **April 1** of each year, program sponsors will provide the SBDM Council with information on how their program(s) meets one or more of the above criteria and information on student participation in extracurricular programs. By **April 15** of each year, the SBDM Council will approve the extracurricular programs for the following school year.

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Signature: _____
(SBDM Council Chairperson)