

AWARDING COMMUNITY ACTIVITY LETTERS TO STUDENTS

The sole purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism to recognize outstanding performances of Nashua-Plainfield students through the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District by virtue of organized participation in non-school sponsored activities.

This policy allows activities designed for high school students to be designated as originating from the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District geographic boundaries and allows participants in these activities meeting guidelines as listed below the opportunity for recognition through award of a Community Activity Letter.

1. Any group or individual wishing to obtain recognition for students through this program must submit a proposal to the High School Administration in advance of the occurrence of the activities for which the students are to be recognized. The proposal should include the name and purpose or goals of the activity and the name(s) of the supervising adults(s) accepting overall responsibility for the program. The plan should also include the student requirements for recognition, the general guidelines for functioning/operations as well as dates for the activities.
2. The Board will review submitted proposals and determine if the planned activities will be approved as a Community Lettering Activity. Following completion of the activity, the responsible adult shall submit to the High School Administration a summary of the activity for that year as well as a list of candidates to be considered for Community Activity Letters. The Board or High School Administration may request additional information from the activity sponsor(s) to be used for future decisions regarding annual participation.
3. Because this activity is not school sponsored the District and Board retain no control, authority, financial responsibility or liability for the conduct of involved students or adults supervising the activity nor any outcomes as a result of the activity. The only purpose of district and Board involvement is recognition to the students involved in these activities. Because of this purpose, the activity may include in its name the words "Nashua-Plainfield Schools" or other references to the District. Letters awarded to participants will be Community Letters and not Varsity Letters to further distinguish lines of authority and responsibility.
4. All involvement by students and adult advisors is strictly voluntary. This policy does not provide for any financial support from the District. Adult advisors of sanctioned activities are not considered school employees nor are they subject to any qualifications or conduct as set by the Board or the District.
5. The District will provide a paper "Community Activity Letter" certificate for qualifying students. Any chenille letter or other awards shall be purchased by the sponsoring organization or the individuals involved.
6. All students involved in these community activities shall receive a copy of this policy at the organizational meeting for the activity.

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