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Title CORPORATION-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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## 2430 - **CORPORATION-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

The School Board believes that the goals and objectives of this Corporation are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, including those that are not conducted in a regular classroom but are directly related to the curriculum.

The purpose of curricular-related activities shall be to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than may be available in the Corporation's courses of study but are directly related to accomplishing the educational outcomes for students as adopted by the Board in Policy 2131.

For purposes of this policy, curricular-related activities are defined as those activities in which:

- A. the subject matter is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter concerns the Corporation's composite courses of study;
- C. participation is required for a particular course;
- D. participation results in academic credit.

No curricular-related activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it meets one or more of the criteria stated above and has been approved by the Superintendent.

Such activities, as well as extra-curricular or activities not directly related to courses of study, may be conducted on or off school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board, and directed by a staff advisor.

The Board shall allow noncorporation-sponsored, student clubs and activities during noninstructional time, in accordance with the provisions in Policy 5730 -- Equal Access For Noncorporation-Sponsored, Student Clubs and Activities.

No noncorporation-sponsored organization may use the name of the School Corporation or any other name which would associate an activity with the Corporation.

## Eligibility Requirements

The Board values student participation in activities outside the regular curricular school day but considers participation a privilege that is contingent upon the attainment of minimum academic achievement. The Board believes that students who are not making minimum academic achievement would benefit from utilizing the time that otherwise might have been devoted to extra-curricular activities, for additional study time. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Board to require students in grades six (6) through twelve (12) inclusively to maximize their academic achievement by passing classes and meeting strict minimum grade point averages (GPA) in order to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Students who do not meet the minimum requirements at the end of a grading period will be placed on academic probation until they pass all classes and meet the minimum GPA. Middle school students (grades 6 - 8) must maintain a minimum grade point average and pass all but one class to participate. Middle school students who fail one (1) class will be on ~~academic probation~~ (academic watch) and may participate in an extra-curricular activity as long as they [make academic progress on weekly grade checks](#). ~~an academic assistance program~~. High school students must pass all classes and meet the Indiana High School Athletic Association minimum grade guidelines to participate. High school students who pass all classes, but their GPA falls below a 2.0, will be placed on ~~academic probation~~ and may participate if they [make academic progress on weekly grade checks](#). ~~successfully participate in an academic assistance program~~. Participation during the probationary [Academic watch](#) period is determined at each school level.

As used herein, "extra-curricular activity" is any activity that involves student participation outside regular class time and is related to school that has no academic for credit component. As used herein, "good standing" refers to a student who meets or exceeds all criteria to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

Accordingly, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with the secondary schools to implement the following plan for student extra-curricular participation requirements. The Board shall review the criteria and standards periodically.

### Grade Six (6) Requirements

All sixth (6) grade students must maintain a grade point average of 1.6 or greater and pass all classes in order to participate in an extra-curricular activity and remain in good standing.

~~Academic probationary~~ (Academic watch) status is established for those students who fall below the 1.6 GPA or fail one (1) class. Students on ~~academic probation~~ (academic watch) may participate if they are successfully involved in an ~~academic assistance program~~ (academic watch). Students who fail one class and also fall below a 1.6 GPA cannot participate. Students who fail two (2) or more classes cannot participate. Grade Point Average is based on non-accumulative grades achieved each grading period. Sixth grade students will not be affected during the first grading period.

### Grade Seven (7) Requirements

All seventh (7) grade students must maintain a grade point average of 1.7 or greater and pass all classes in order to participate in an extra-curricular activity and remain in good standing. ~~Academic probationary~~ (Academic watch) status is established for those students who fall below the 1.7 GPA or fail one class. Students on academic probation may participate if they are successfully involved in an ~~academic assistance program~~ (academic watch).

Students who fail one class and also fall below a 1.7 GPA cannot participate. Students who fail two (2) or more classes cannot participate. Grade Point Average is based on non-accumulative grades achieved each grading period.

### **Grade Eight (8) Requirements**

All eighth (8) grade students must maintain a grade point average of 1.8 or greater and pass all classes in order to participate in an extra-curricular activity and remain in good standing. ~~Academic probationary~~-(Academic watch)status is established for those students who fall below the 1.8 GPA or fail one class. Students on ~~academic probation~~ (academic watch) may participate if they are successfully involved in an ~~academic assistance program~~. Students who fail one class and also fall below a 1.8 GPA cannot participate. Students who fail two (2) or more classes cannot participate. Grade Point Average is based on non-accumulative grades achieved each grading period.

### **Grade Nine (9) Requirements**

1.8 or greater and pass every class in order to participate in an extra-curricular activity and remain in good standing. If a student's GPA falls below a 1.8 s/he is placed on ~~academic probation~~ and may participate if s/he is successfully involved in an ~~academic assistance program~~ (academic watch). Grade Point Average is based on non accumulative grades achieved per each grading period. ~~First quarter participation will be determined by meeting the 8th grade qualification criteria.~~

### **Grade Ten (10), Eleven (11), & Twelve (12) Requirements**

All tenth (10), eleventh (11) and twelfth (12) grade students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or greater and pass every class in order to participate in an extra-curricular activity and remain in good standing. If a student's GPA falls below a 2.0 s/he is placed on ~~academic probation~~ (academic watch) and may participate if s/he is successfully involved in this program. Grade Point Average is based on non-accumulative grades achieved per each grading period.

**Academic watch status is established for those students who fail one (1) class or (6) sixth, (7) seventh, (8) eighth, (9) ninth, (10) tenth, (11) eleventh, or 12 (twelfth) grade GPA falls below:**

<b>Sixth</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Seventh</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Eighth/Ninth</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Tenth, Eleventh, Twelvth</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**Students on academic watch must:**

- 1. participate in after school study tables or remediation programming**
  - a. one hour, twice a week, after school study tables or remediation programming before activity practice when conflicts arise.**
- 2. be subject to weekly grade checks and must show academic progress in order to remain eligible**

The following list is provided as an example of groups or activities to which this standard applies. These lists are not all inclusive. **Tipton High School**

Academic Decathlon

Academic Super Bowl

Athletic Teams

Cheerleading

Clubs

Debate Team

Hoosier Girls and Boys State

Hoosier Spell Bowl

Intramurals

Jazz Band

Knowledgemasters

National Honor Society

Nominees for Kings and Queens

Student Council

Team Managers, Stat Girls, Water Girls, etc.

### **Tipton Middle School**

Cheerleaders

Academic Teams

Conservation Club

Student Council

Intramural: (activities based on interest)

FFA Judging Teams

Athletics: Basketball, Cross Country, and Football

Golf, Swimming, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling

Students shall be fully informed of the curricular-related and extra-curricular activities available to them and of the

eligibility standards established for participation in these activities. Corporation-sponsored activities shall be available to all students who elect to participate and who meet eligibility standards. Whenever a student becomes a member of a Corporation-established student group or national organization such as the National Honor Society, in order to remain a member, s/he must continue to meet all of the eligibility criteria and abide by the principles and practices established by the group or the organization.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement a program of curricular-related clubs and activities and of extra-curricular activities. Such guidelines should ensure that the needs and interests of the students are assessed properly and procedures are established for continuing evaluation of each club and activity.

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