

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

OAC 210:35-17-2. Co-curricular and extracurricular programs

- (a) Co-curricular and extracurricular programs shall provide opportunities for developing leadership ability and stimulate active participation of all students in appropriate school organization and community activities according to their aptitudes and interests.
- (b) Co-curricular and extracurricular programs shall be planned through the cooperative efforts of the teachers and students and shall be organized and administered so as to contribute to the educational objectives of the school.
 - (1) Students shall not participate in a particular activity more than one period during the regular school day.
 - (2) A member of the teaching staff shall be in charge of each activity. The sponsors shall be directly responsible to the principal or some person appointed by the administration to direct the activities of the school.
 - (3) The State Board of Education encourages all elementary, middle, junior high, and secondary students to be in attendance in their regularly scheduled classes so that maximum learning can occur. Educational programs are built on the foundation of continuity of instruction and participation in the classroom setting. Consistent classroom attendance can assist students toward development of strong work habits, responsibility and self-discipline. Since the educational merit of the co-curricular and extracurricular programs is recognized, the goal of the State Board of Education is to facilitate a balanced education for each student. It is with these goals and philosophy that the State Board of Education establishes the following attendance/activities regulations:
 - (A) It is the intent of the State Board of Education that the superintendent or elementary superintendent and local board of education annually review the scheduling of co-curricular and extracurricular activities so that minimal interruptions occur in the instructional program of a student. The Oklahoma Secondary Activities Association (OSSAA) guidelines related to student eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities, activity absences, number of games allowed, and length of season shall be applicable to all Oklahoma public schools and students.
 - (B) The maximum number of absences for activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency/organization, which removes any student from the classroom shall be ten for any one class period of each school year. Excluded from this number are state and national levels of school-sponsored contests. State and national contests are those for which a student must earn the right to compete. The criteria for earning the right to represent the school in any activity or contest must be submitted in writing by local school sponsors and approved by the local board of education.
 - (C) Each local board of education shall appoint, at the beginning of the school year, an Internal Activities Review Committee. This committee shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending any deviation of the activities policy to the local board of education. Any deviation from the ten days absence rule shall not exceed five days.
 - (D) Each school district shall be responsible for maintaining an addendum to the attendance records to verify the conditions within the school system that apply to regulation (3) (B) of this subsection.

(E) Procedures for filing complaints are:

- (i) A signed written complaint must first be filed with the local board of education. If the complaint is not resolved at the local level then the complaint should be filed with the Accreditation Section of the State Department of Education. Upon receipt of the complaint the Accreditation Section shall appoint a monitoring team to make an on-site visit and file a written report to the State Board of Education and Accreditation Section. This complaint must include a list of the name(s) of the student(s), date(s) and class(es) missed which exceed the regulation in (3) (B) of this subsection.
 - (ii) The school district shall provide to the monitoring team during the on-site visit the necessary records to verify or deny the violation as specified in the written complaint.
 - (iii) The monitoring team shall submit a written report to the superintendent or elementary superintendent and local board of education within 10 school days of the on-site visit.
- (F) Upon the recommendation of the monitoring team the superintendent or elementary superintendent may be called to appear before the State Board of Education for determination of the appropriate action to be taken. In cases of flagrant violation state funds may be deducted/withheld from the school district.

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