

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: February 26, 2008

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 6145 – INSTRUCTION: EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITIES**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education review and approve the proposed changes to Policy 6145. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6145

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Policy Analysis for Proposed Changes to the
Policy 6145 – Instruction, Extracurricular Activities

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy

This policy was last revised in 1969. Policy 6145 is the first in a series of related policies and rules, describing appropriate instructional philosophical understandings related to extracurricular activities. Included in this policy is a general discussion of extra-curricular activities.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

Recommendations made in this policy do not create additional fiscal impact on the school system.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Policy 5320, Students: Activities

Legal Requirement

Maryland Annotated Code, Education Article § 7-108; COMAR 13A.08.01.09

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

Policies from Anne Arundel (909), Frederick (Section 509), Fairfax (3860.3), and Montgomery (IQB-RA) Counties were reviewed and analyzed.

Draft of Proposed Policies and Rules – (see attached)

Policy 6145

Other Alternatives Considered By Staff

N/A

INSTRUCTION

Extra[-Class]CURRICULAR Activities

IT IS THE GOAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY TO IMPROVE ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. ACHIEVEMENT CAN BE AUGMENTED THROUGH ACCESS TO, AND PARTICIPATION IN, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ENGAGE STUDENT INTEREST AND ABILITY. Extra[-]curricular activities are an integral part of school life and often require as much careful planning and supervision as the academic subjects. [However, care must be taken that] [t]These activities [do not take precedence in importance over the subject matter areas, but] remain in the position o[r] F supplementing the actual courses of study.

[Supervision] Whenever or wherever held, when conducted under the name of the school or school system or any class or organization thereof, extra[-]curricular activities shall be under the general supervision of the school authorities.

[Fraternities and Sororities]

A provision of Bylaw 730:3 of the State Board of Education of Maryland states: “All pupil organizations desiring to conduct activities in public school buildings or on public school grounds shall be permitted to conduct such activities only if authorized to do so and shall thereafter be subject to the supervision of the administration and faculty of such school. Any secret, exclusive or self-perpetuating organization which seeks to organize and perpetuate itself by taking in members from among the pupils enrolled in such public schools in which they are pupils, upon the basis of decision of the membership of such organization, rather than from the free choice of any pupils in such schools who are qualified to fill the special aims of such an organization, shall be prohibited from conducting its activities in public school buildings or on public school grounds.”

Extra-Duty Assignments-Appointments – Release]

Legal ReferenceS: *Maryland Annotated Code*, Education Article §7-108
COMAR 13A.08.01.09

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5320

Policy
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