

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: December 3, 2013

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6702, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

ORIGINATOR: Verletta White, Chief Academic Officer

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Ms. Kathleen McMahon, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed changes to Policy 6702. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6702

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6702
INTRAMURAL, INFORMAL, AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
RENAMED AS, “EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES”**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

During the review of Policy 6701, staff concluded that Policies 6701 and 6702 should be combined, because both policies concern extracurricular activities. Policy 6702 has been revised to: (1) rename the policy; (2) include a policy statement that reflects the Board’s commitment to providing a wide variety of extracurricular activities as part of a student’s overall educational experience; (3) include a definition of “extracurricular activities;” (4) identify standards that clearly outline the Board’s expectations for planning and supporting extracurricular activities in schools; (5) include an implementation section; and (6) conform with the Policy Review Committee’s editing conventions.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the revision of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

1. Board of Education Policy 3151, *Accident Insurance*
2. Board of Education Policy 3160, *School-Sponsored Activities*
3. Board of Education Policy 5110, *Admission*
4. Board of Education Policy 5140, *Special Permission Transfer*
5. Board of Education Policy 5150, *Resident and Non-Resident Students*
6. Board of Education Policy 5470, *Wellness*
7. Board of Education Policy 5500, *Conduct*
8. Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*
9. Board of Education Policy 5600, *Students’ Rights and Responsibilities*

Legal Requirements

1. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(I)–(g)(1)(J), *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*
2. COMAR 13A.06.03, *Interscholastic Athletics in the State*
3. COMAR 13A.06.04, *Corollary Athletic Programs*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, [Policy JJA, Extracurricular Programs Academic Eligibility](#)
2. Frederick County Board of Education, [Policy 509, Extracurricular Activities](#)
3. Harford County Board of Education, [Policy 06-0007-000, Curricular and Extracurricular Activities](#)
4. Harford County Board of Education, [Policy 06-0008-000, Intramural Athletic Activities](#)
5. Harford County Board of Education, [Policy 06-0009-000, Interscholastic Athletics](#)
6. Howard County Board of Education, [Policy 9070, Academic Eligibility for High School Extracurricular Activities](#)
7. Montgomery County Board of Education, [Policy IQD, Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities](#)

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – October 22, 2013

Public comment – November 5, 2013

Third reading/vote – December 3, 2013

INSTRUCTION: Extracurricular Activities

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES [Intramural, Informal, and Interscholastic Athletics]

I. POLICY STATEMENT

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A WIDE VARIETY OF EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT ACCESS TO, AND PARTICIPATION IN, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ENGAGES STUDENT INTEREST AND ABILITY AND IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A STUDENT'S OVERALL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

II. DEFINITION

A. *EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES* – ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS BEYOND THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY, WHICH ARE VOLUNTARY AND NOT REQUIRED FOR THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A PARTICULAR CLASS.

III. STANDARDS

A. STUDENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL, INCLUDING STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES.

B. PRINCIPALS WILL ENSURE THAT PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF THE VARIOUS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL.

C. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SHALL BE SPONSORED, APPROVED, CONDUCTED, PLANNED, AND SUPERVISED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY TAKE PLACE ON OR OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY OR OCCUR DURING NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

[I. Intramural and Informal Athletics

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that informal and intramural athletics provide the benefits of competitive experiences to students. Every student must be provided an equal opportunity to participate in informal and intramural athletics regardless of physical ability.

II. Interscholastic Athletics

A. A quality interscholastic athletic program is vital to the positive social, physical, and educational development of students.

B. The Board adopts the rules and regulations of the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association, in addition to the regulations, policies, and procedures for interscholastic athletics adopted by the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Athletic Association.]

Legal ReferenceS: 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(I)–(g)(1)(J), *MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT*
[*Annotated Code of Maryland*, §7-108]
COMAR 13A.06.03, *INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS IN THE STATE*
COMAR 13A.06.04, *COROLLARY ATHLETIC PROGRAMS*

Related Policies: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3151, *ACCIDENT INSURANCE*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3160, *SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5110, *ADMISSION*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5140, *SPECIAL PERMISSION TRANSFER*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5150, *RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5500, *CONDUCT*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5550, *DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5600, *STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES*

[Board of Education Policy 5300]

Policy

Board of Education of Baltimore County

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