

## **503.5 Student Activities**

### **Policy**

Each school shall develop procedures governing student activities.

### **Regulations**

1. For the purpose of this policy, student activities shall include any exploratory, entertaining or competitive activities that are related to and extend beyond the school program and are supervised by teachers or other authorized personnel. These activities include but are not restricted to music, art, drama, technology, sports activities, student social events, and student organizations or clubs.
2. The principal or designate is responsible for:
  - 2.1. approving all student activities and ensuring that these activities operate in accordance with Division policies;
  - 2.2. the recruitment and selection of individuals or organizations participating in the organization, delivery, and supervision of student activities that fall within the scope of the policy;
  - 2.3. monitoring the procedures for:
    - 2.3.1. practices, performances and/or games;
    - 2.3.2. schedules;
    - 2.3.3. transportation;
    - 2.3.4. communication with parents; and
    - 2.3.5. fundraising activities.
  - 2.4. procedures for evaluating the program and the participating organizations and/or individuals.
3. Each school activity shall operate under the supervision of a Division staff member who shall be responsible for all related undertakings.
  - 3.1. Staff members need not be from the school in which the activity operates.
  - 3.2. Parent and community volunteers who assist with or attend student activities shall abide by Division policies and be responsible to the designated staff member.
4. All those involved in student activities shall adhere to Exhibit 503.5.A Code of Ethics and Conduct for Student Activities. Breaches of the code will be dealt with in accordance with Division policy.
5. All student activities must be appropriate to the age, experience and ability of the students involved.

6. Student participation in activities shall be voluntary.
7. All reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that a student is not excluded from student activities for reasons of financial hardship.
8. All coaches/directors/sponsors are encouraged, and in some cases may be required to pursue training in risk management and/or first aid.
9. Coaches at the secondary level are encouraged to obtain training and certification in coaching theory through the National Coaching Certification Program.
  - 9.1. Level One coaching theory is recommended for coaches at the middle school level.
  - 9.2. Level Two coaching theory is recommended for coaches at the high school level.
10. Division staff shall not participate in the planning, supervision, or support of any student activities involving the consumption of controlled substances. The Division shall not provide access to Division facilities for any activities involving the consumption of controlled substances.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

### References

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| Education Act:     | 33(d)  |
| Division Policies: | 502.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments; 607.1 Field Trips, Excursions and Community-Based Activities; 502.5 Student Transportation/ Busing; 1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution |
| Other:             | Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools   |