

POLICY #9920 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1. The Surrey Board Of Education considers student involvement in extra-curricular activities to be a valuable part of a school's education program.
- 1.1. The board considers participation in extra-curricular activities to be voluntary.
- 1.2. The board provides guidelines to ensure that:
 - a) An approval process is in place for extra-curricular activities;
 - b) There is consistency in the formation and operation of extra-curricular activities; and
 - c) Consideration is given to the safety and well-being of students involved in extra-curricular activities.
- 1.3. The board ensures that the parents/guardians are informed regarding the extra-curricular program offered by the school and have a role in determining the involvement of their child in extra-curricular activities.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Extra-curricular activities** are those school-based structured organizations, including sports/clubs or other activities, that occur outside of the classroom instructional program, extend beyond the normal school hours and operate under the supervision of a staff member or other designated adult supervisor approved by the principal in accordance with [Policy #10310 – School Volunteers](#).

Sports and athletic activities are competitive individual or team activities which are sponsored by the school and governed by the Surrey Secondary Schools' Athletic Association (SSSAA), the Surrey Elementary Athletic Society (SEAS), and BC School Sports.

Clubs are structured groups of students who come together on a regular basis for a specifically defined and approved purpose. Clubs may be promoted and facilitated by the school as part of its established program of teaching and learning activities, or may be created in direct response to student interest.

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3. INTENT

- 3.1. All extra-curricular activities will be consistent with the mission and policy statements of both the Ministry of Education and the school district.
- 3.2. Extra-curricular activities will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Human Rights Code of BC, and board policy and regulations.
- 3.3. Clubs will be governed by a charter that includes:
 - The name of the club.
 - The name of the supervisor.
 - A clear and precise statement of purpose.
 - Conditions of membership.
 - Description of operation, and
 - A schedule of meetings.
- 3.4. Copies of the club charter will be available on request to parents.
- 3.5. Sports and athletic activities will be governed by the relevant district or provincial athletic organization.
- 3.6. Intramural events scheduled by the school are subject to school based practice and are not covered by this policy.
- 3.7. Extra-curricular activities require principal approval on an annual basis.

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