

# Hamilton County Board of Education

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Extracurricular activities are defined as any activities which occur on school property under the sponsorship of the school or those activities which occur off school property involving activities which are organized and planned on school property and on school time with instructional personnel involved in the planning process. Student activity programs shall not include secret organizations. Student activities sponsored by outside groups or agencies will be approved only if they are co-sponsored by the school.

A school shall not allow a student who is not eighteen (18) years of age or older to become a member or participate in any activity of a club or organization, unless the student's parent or legal guardian first provides consent to the student's membership or participation in a dated, written consent.<sup>2</sup>

No otherwise qualified person shall, on the basis of disability, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination regarding entry and participation in extracurricular activities.<sup>1</sup> Nor shall a student be required to attend a school-sponsored student activity that is scheduled at a time which conflicts with his religious practices.

It is the basic responsibility of the building principal to approve all extracurricular activities and to request central office approval from the appropriate director for activities which require travel. All overnight activities require Board approval with proof of adequate liability coverage.

Legal References:  
1. 20 USC 1703  
2. TCA 49-6-1031 (b)

Cross References: