

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION

5135.11

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The philosophy underlying middle/junior high school activities is one of providing for students the opportunity to explore many areas. In support of this philosophy, activities are sanctioned and supported by the Clark County School District. Many of these activities have been a regular part of our school program for a number of years; others are more recent additions to the activity program. Activities should be provided that are best for the middle/junior high age youngster. Middle/junior high schools should not seek to become miniature senior high schools.

- I. The following list of activities constitutes the formal identification of those activities in which Clark County School District middle/junior high school students may participate.

- A. Music

Each middle/junior high school maintains a combination concert and marching band that participates in several annual activities such as honor concerts, music festivals, and parades. Middle/junior high school choruses participate in concerts, music festivals, and conferences. Exchange assemblies involving all music groups are encouraged. Band uniforms or choral outfits should be simple when compared to the standards established for senior high schools. The recommended standard for middle/junior high schools is at the discretion of the school.

- B. Forensic Activities

The forensic program in middle/junior high schools is in the formative stage. No formally organized program of forensics has been established for Districtwide participation. Middle/junior high schools are encouraged to participate in forensic activities in an individually organized school-centered program. District support and organization will be forthcoming as the program develops and expands.

- C. Drill Teams

Drill teams have developed as an optional activity at most District middle/junior high schools. Encouragement is given to the involvement of a maximum number of students, rather than a highly competitive and exclusive team requiring precision skills and abilities as entry qualifications. Drill teams perform at athletic events, assemblies, and parades. No specific allocation of District funds has been made for the

support of drill teams. Schools are, however, authorized to allocate money for the support of drill teams from the extended student activities allocation made to each middle/junior high school.

D. Pep Clubs

Many middle/junior high schools have established a pep club with an open membership available to all school students. Any type of uniform related to the pep club is expected to be simple enough that each student can provide their own uniform without undue financial burden. No District funds are provided for pep club uniforms.

E. Cheerleaders

Many middle/junior high schools have established a cheerleading team for the support of the athletic activities of the school. No specific allocation of District funds is made for the support of cheerleaders. Schools are, however, authorized to allocate money from within the extended student activities fund available to the individual school for the support of the cheerleading program. Cheerleaders are selected on criteria developed by the individual school.

F. Student Council

Student governments have been established in all middle/junior high schools in accordance with the individual school's constitution and regulations. The organization of the student government in the middle/junior high school is allowed to develop in accordance with the need of the individual school and the interest of the students.

G. Clubs and Class Extended Activities

All middle/ junior high schools are encouraged to develop a maximum number of clubs to satisfy the varied and changing interests of students. Occasionally, as part of club or class activities, field trips are taken to club-related points of interest in the community, and, on rare occasions, outside the county. When field trips extend outside of Clark County, they must be entirely voluntary and may not involve the use of District money. Any field trip of this nature must fulfill the requirements of Regulation 5135.13 relative to trips for extra-class activities.

H. Student Publications

Each school is encouraged to have a student newspaper or similar publication where the literary talent of students is demonstrated.

Middle/junior high school participation in the Clark County publications program is encouraged.

School photography companies have made available memory books as an extension of the individual student picture programs carried on in most schools. The memory book, as furnished by the photography company, provides the individual picture of all students in the school, and a series of group pictures displaying clubs, teams, and organizations of the school. It is expected that middle/junior high schools will restrict their activities in this areas to this level of memory books, and the development of a yearbook, which requires extensive composition and layout, will not be a part of the middle/junior high school publications program.

I. Middle/Junior High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs

These programs are under the control of the Department of Student Activities and Athletics of the Clark County School District. At the present time, basketball for both boys and girls is the only sanctioned athletic event by the Clark County School District. The District provides funds for officials, equipment, security, and transportation. Uniforms are purchased on a first time basis for new schools.

Eligibility Rules

Eligibility rules will apply in all interscholastic competition involving Clark County middle/junior high schools as is determined by the middle/junior high school principals and the Department of Student Activities and Athletics at the start of each new school year.

J. Intramurals

Each school will have an intramural program designed to fill the needs of a maximum number of students. Interscholastic activities are intended to complement rather than compete with existing intramural programs.

K. Recreation Department

The middle/junior high schools abide by the joint-use agreement established by the Board and other governmental agencies of the county.

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