



POLICY

Rocky View Schools is committed to developing well-balanced individuals by providing a rigorous academic environment coupled with extensive opportunities beyond the classroom that emphasize leadership, character development, self-expression through the fine arts, physical fitness, service, and a global perspective. ~~Activities outside the classroom are referred to as “co-curricular” rather than “extra-curricular”, giving them equal as opposed to “add-on” status.~~ Research has shown that involved students do better academically and they become more caring, show greater respect towards their peers and take more ownership of their educational community. For these reasons, Rocky View Schools Board of Trustees is committed to an extensive co-curricular program which is accessible to all members of the school community.

The programs offered by the school should be varied, consider age and experience, and allow students and staff to interact in an environment outside the classroom, fostering strong inter-personal relationships between them.

The Board recognizes the importance that co-curricular school programs can play in the development of school spirit and citizenship. The Board encourages all teachers to provide leadership and to make contributions to student development and education, outside regular classes, through participation in co-curricular programs.

DEFINITIONS

Curricular: An activity directly connected to the Alberta Program of Studies, for which students will be assessed.

Co-Curricular: A program or out-of-class activity supervised and/or financed by the school, which provides curriculum-related learning and character building experiences. Co-curricular activities are voluntary, are not part of the regular school curriculum and may include assessment of students.

Extra-Curricular: A program or out-of-class activity supervised and/or financed by the school, which provides curriculum-related learning and character building experiences. Extra-curricular activities are voluntary, are not part of the regular school curriculum and are not formally assessed.



Approved: NEW
Draft 2010 05 25

Amended: xxxx

Reviewed: xxxx

GUIDELINES

1. All students should have the opportunity to become involved in some aspect of a school's co-curricular program.
2. The emphasis in co-curricular programming is on broad-based student participation.
3. All teachers are encouraged to participate in the co-curricular program.
4. Each school is responsible for developing its co-curricular program and the methods of providing personnel to carry it out.

Cross Reference: ⇒ RVS Procedure: H - Supervision of Extra Curricular Activities
 ⇒ RVSA Code of Conduct