# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) recognizes that extracurricular activities promote a positive school climate and constitute an integral component of a student's educational experience. Additionally, extracurricular activities contribute to the development of a set of valuable social skills among students that strengthen the learning environment in our Catholic schools. Extracurricular activities are an important extension to the instructional program and impact outcomes in positive ways for all of our students.

#### **REFERENCES**

Nil.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

### **Extracurricular Activity**

Any school-authorized or education-related activity occurring during or outside the regular instructional school day.

#### **POLICY REGULATIONS**

- 1.0 All extracurricular activities will be subject to all related Board policies, administrative procedures and school expectations.
- 2.0 All extracurricular activities will operate under the leadership and direction of the Principal.
- 3.0 Staff involvement in an extracurricular activity is volunteer and shall not impact employment terms or the performance evaluation process.
- 4.0 When organizing extracurricular activities, the Principal and staff shall take into account:
  - a) interests of students of diverse backgrounds;
  - b) skills of staff and/or community members;
  - c) needs of the students;
  - d) resources available:
  - e) the need for communication with students and parents which outlines the unique nature of extracurricular activities and that clearly define expectations to be shared with participants prior to the commencement of the activity;
  - f) Student safety.

- 5.0 All students will have fair and equitable access to participate in extracurricular activities. The family / personal financial circumstances of a student shall not be a barrier to their participation in extracurricular activities.
- 6.0 Administrative procedures for this policy will be developed and reviewed by the appropriate Superintendent of Education with feedback from Principals.