

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

Background

The District recognizes the benefits of extra-curricular activities and that they are an integral part of a student's education. The District therefore encourages and supports extra-curricular school events, competitions and trips as a viable method of enriching the learning situation for students, to develop their sense of responsibility and to develop the student's physical and mental well-being.

The District recognizes that many extra-curricular activities involve students representing their school or district on a recognized team or group. The expectation is that students who are representing their school and/or the district on these teams or groups are students registered in the District, including Kootenay Discovery School.

The District recognizes that external regulatory organizations, such as BC School Sports, have the authority to set rules for participation at their level. However, the school principal or designate has the final decision about participation at the school level, as long as that decision follows the rules set by those external organizations.

The District is not limiting participation in events involving non-School District 5 schools, nor is it attempting to limit competitions against non-School District 5 schools. The District does believe, however, that groups or teams representing the District or one of its schools should be composed of students of the District.

Procedures

1. The Principal will ensure that all students participating in extra-curricular events and competitions on behalf of the school or district are students in School District 5.
2. For events that require school aged students outside the ages of the school (i.e.: a child role in a high school theatre production), the expectation is that a School District 5 student fulfills that role.
3. Students whose primary school of record is Kootenay Discovery School are allowed to participate in extra-curricular events and competitions for their School District 5 catchment area school.
4. Students of KDS who participate in extra-curricular events or competitions for their catchment area school should be informed of or sign the school's athlete or student contract or handbook as per school procedures for all participants.

Procedures specific to BC School Sports

1. For students enrolled at Kootenay Discovery School, there may be BC School Sports regulations that will differentiate the boundaries of participation for individual and/or team sports which may limit under which school a student may participate.
2. Jointly Sponsored Team applications to BC School Sports between School District 5 schools are approved at the school level.
3. Any School District 5 school that wished to submit a Jointly Sponsored Team application to BC School Sports that involves a non-School District 5 school must have prior approval from the Superintendent or designate.

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