



Policy Type: Required
Policy Title: Extracurricular Activities
Effective: July 12, 2016

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of offering a comprehensive, balanced school program to all Lakeview Academy students. Extracurricular activities, which are designed to enhance the total development of the student (mental, physical, social, and emotional), shall be available. Reasonable rules and regulations, which govern the eligibility of students, are established to ensure that participation in extracurricular activities does not interfere with the academic achievement of participating Lakeview Academy students.

General Purpose:

Student activities are extracurricular and supplement the regular school curriculum. Student activities are voluntary and do not carry credit toward graduation. They take the form of special interest groups, honor societies, athletic teams, and other extensions of classroom work. All extracurricular activities are designed to develop capable, confident, and contributing members of society. The Board of Trustees must approve extracurricular activities and the eligibility requirements. All student organizations and activities will be under the direct supervision of the school Director or a designee, and will supplement the regular programs of the school. They should be evaluated periodically to ensure that interruptions of the instructional programs are avoided. Lakeview students should not be permitted to engage in such organizations and activities to the detriment of their classroom work.

Categories

Extracurricular activities are divided into four general categories:

1. Interscholastic and intramural athletics.
2. Activities stemming directly from classroom studies. Examples include, but are not limited to, student government, musical productions, band, drama, debate, and the school newspaper and literary publications.
3. Activities designed to promote interest in academic achievement and/or specific subject areas. Examples include, but are not limited to, the National Honor Society and subject matter organizations.
4. Activities which promote general educational goals and are school-oriented. Examples include, but are not limited to, service and special interest clubs.

Access to Extracurricular Activities

Access to and participation in extracurricular activities will be open to all Lakeview Academy students as provided in state and federal regulations, as well as school policy.

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Supervision

School administrators will appoint qualified members of the faculty, or in the absence of qualified faculty members, qualified community members who are PALS II certified, as sponsors for each activity. The sponsor will be responsible for the guidance and general supervision of the activity and will ensure that all actions conform to school policies and state and federal regulations. **The sponsor will ensure that all students have been properly picked up before leaving the school grounds.** School policy and fees regarding late pick up will apply for all extracurricular activities.

Team/Club Rules

Coaches and sponsors will establish and submit team/club rules and regulations, using the extracurricular activities form, to the school Director for approval. The extracurricular activities form will need to be completed each year and will be kept on file in the office.

Financial Support

The school sponsored extracurricular activities, may receive partial financial support. Transportation may be provided, or the cost of transportation may be paid from appropriated funds.

An estimate of funds required for each activity will be submitted to the school Director for approval prior to February 1 of the previous school year. This estimate will be submitted by the sponsor of the activity for inclusion in the individual school budget.

The school sponsored extracurricular activities covered in categories three and four listed above, should be financially self-supporting. However, school transportation for these activities may be requested. If it cannot be provided, then vehicle transportation may be by commercial means, or by private car under regulations established for such use.

Parental Permission

In each instance when an organization schedules an activity after school, or away from school, parents will be notified and written permission obtained.

Fraternities and/or Sororities

Fraternities, sororities, or any clandestine organization will not be permitted at Lakeview Academy. The director will inform students that activities associated with such organizations are prohibited at school.

Lakeview Academy Student Participation

Students involved in extracurricular activities at Lakeview Academy should recognize that their selection and/or participation is a **privilege, not a right**. As with all privileges, there are responsibilities a student accepts when they agree to become a member of an athletic team and/or club. The athletic staff, faculty, and sponsors are extremely proud of their students and their accomplishments. These students represent the level of excellence that has become synonymous with Lakeview Academy. Specific guidelines for Lakeview

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Academy students assist them in maintaining exemplary behavior both on and off the field, and in and out of school. Participation in extracurricular activities is dependent upon compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. A minimum requirement for all students for participation is good citizenship. Students are expected to abide by all school policies, team and club rules, and state laws. A student's eligibility to participate in any extracurricular activity will be based on the following:

Grades:

A student must have a 2.0 GPA and not be failing any class. A student who has failed to meet the minimum requirements set forth shall be ineligible for participation in games, concerts, club meetings, etc., until grades meet the requirements. Attendance at practice is not prohibited. The administration will set up a written procedure for checking grades to ensure that they are checked consistently through all extracurricular programs. This procedure will be distributed to parents.

Class Attendance:

1. Students must attend all scheduled classes on the day of a competition/activity to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities that day. Exceptions must be cleared through the Director **AND** the coach, or sponsor, must be notified.
2. Classroom behavior is expected to be good. Poor behavior, class disruptions, and/or teacher referrals may result in exclusion from an activity at the discretion of the Director, coach, sponsor, or teacher.
3. A student who is suspended from school may not attend practices, club meetings, or participate in any school-sponsored activity for the duration of the suspension and may forfeit the opportunity to play for the remainder of the season depending on the severity of the offense. This includes in-school suspension.

Court Disciplinary Action:

School officials may suspend a student from participation in extracurricular activities if they have been charged with a misdemeanor or felony involving violence, weapons, alcohol, and/or substance abuse until disposition of the charges. The student must report the incident to the coach or sponsor immediately. The coach or sponsor will present the facts as known to the school Director who will determine eligibility for participation. School officials may deny participation in all extracurricular activities to any student convicted or found "not innocent" of a misdemeanor involving violence, weapons, alcohol, and/or substance abuse, or any felony charge. The student may appeal for reinstatement the following semester.

Hazing:



Students are expected to follow both the Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy and the Bullying and Hazing Policy. The school Director and the student's parents will be notified immediately of any violation of either of these policies, regardless of the severity. The Director will then inform the Board of Trustees. The police will be notified if necessary.

Substance Abuse:

Lakeview Academy believes that all participants in extracurricular activities should commit to a healthy lifestyle. This lifestyle includes not using alcohol, tobacco, or any illegal drugs. A student involved in using alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs may be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities. Prior to making a determination that a student may be subject to any exclusionary consequence as a result of substance abuse, the coach or school authorities shall give the student the right to explain his or her conduct. The student, with his or her parents' permission, may voluntarily submit to an appropriate drug test (if applicable) to attempt to establish that he or she has not violated the drug policy. The result of any such testing will be kept confidential, but will be communicated to the student, their parent or guardian, and appropriate school authorities.

If a student is found in violation of this eligibility rule while on school grounds, or while participating in a school sponsored activity, the above policy will be strictly adhered to. In cases where there is evidence that a student is in violation of this eligibility rule while off school grounds, the administration of Lakeview Academy will look into the matter and take appropriate action.

In the case that a student is found in possession of tobacco, alcohol, and/or any other illegal substance, that student will face the same consequences listed above as one who has actually abused the above substances

Appeals Process

Students and their parents or guardians may appeal decisions related to the Extracurricular Activities policy. An appeal should first be made to activities coach or sponsor, a second appeal can then be made to the school director. If necessary, a final appeal can be made to the Board of Trustees.

Certification

The undersigned officers and/or directors of Lakeview Academy certify that this Extracurricular Activities policy was duly adopted as of July 12, 2016 and replaces all previous Extracurricular Activities policies.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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