

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITIES**

Extra-class experiences should be offered in each school to provide a more complete personal development of each student. These may include school supervised activities which are an extension of the school program but which usually take place beyond regular school hours; e.g., intramural sports, varsity sports, student council, debating teams, marching bands, and dramatics.

In addition to this type of extra-class experience, student development may be enriched further by guidance in the proper selection of, and wholesome participation in academic, interest, and service clubs. Such club affiliation should be limited so that the student has time to participate actively within the group in terms of his/her individual abilities as well as in terms of the time needed for home study that will assure successful academic performance.

At all times, students should be encouraged to maintain scholastic averages commensurate with their general abilities. No school should deny the student of low academic aptitude the opportunity for additional citizenship experiences through appropriate club affiliations.

The responsibility for helping to inculcate in every student principles of good citizenship rests on all school personnel. It is expected that the student will be given the maximum opportunity to practice as well as to learn the principles of democracy. Both the classroom and the extra-class activity should aid in developing the self-reliance and cooperative attitudes essential to good citizenship in a democracy.

Students should be permitted to select their activities without duress or interference from any school employee.

No student should be deprived of participating in an activity because of ability (e.g., if a student is not capable of making the varsity football squad, then the school has an obligation to provide intramural football for that student and others who may be interested).

The staff is encouraged to draw appropriately upon people in the community as resource persons on a volunteer basis, recognizing that all school-related activities must be under the direct supervision of a school employee.

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