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## Policy 3.50 Curricular, Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

The Board of Education recognizes that valuable learning can occur through well-planned curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

### Guidelines

#### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. **Curricular Activity** – The activity is an integral component of the curriculum, occurs during the school day, and all students are expected to attend. There are no student costs involved.
- 1.2. **Co-curricular Activity** – The activity is an extension of the curriculum, and all students are encouraged to attend, and should they not attend alternate learning opportunities will be made available to them. Some of these activities have costs and fundraising responsibilities and opportunities, along with financial hardship considerations, apply.
- 1.3. **Extra-Curricular Activity** – The activity is not an extension of the curriculum, and student participation is fully optional. The activities are sponsored by the school to provide opportunities for student(s) to participate in activities and athletics which are related to the school program and supervised by teachers or other authorized personnel. The majority of these activities take place outside regular school hours. These activities have costs and fundraising responsibilities and opportunities, along with financial hardship considerations, apply.
- 1.4. **Excursions** – These activities refer to interest-based or commercial trips that may be provided by companies specializing in student travel and generally occur over a school closure period.

#### 2. All curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities are to be selected, planned, organized, and conducted such that:

- the activity has direct relevance to learning outcomes;
- consideration is given to the health, safety and security of all participants;
- appropriate risk assessment and management of off-site activities is undertaken; and
- protection of students, employees, volunteers, and the School District is paramount.

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Legislative References:

Collective Agreement References: Nil

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3. All communications with students and families regarding costs and fundraising must include a statement explaining that fees will not be a barrier to student participation in school activities.
4. Principals have the authority to approve activities within the province, three nights or less duration, and provided there has been a determination that the activity is low risk.
5. The Superintendent or their designate has the authority to approve activities that are of moderate risk and/or require higher care of planning and provision, activities that take place out of province, and any activity in excess of three nights.
6. Excursions are not sanctioned and will not be approved except in cases where they are included in the Gulf Islands International Student Program.