

## POLICY 101-3

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Board recognizes the importance of student activities that provide students with meaningful democratic experiences through civic engagement. The Board is committed to encouraging students to become involved in these activities and in their own governance. The overall success of the school system relies heavily on the collaboration of the entire school community to include students.

All schools shall establish a student activities program that promotes civic engagement and responsibility. This is an integral part of curriculum, providing personal, social, and democratic governance applications and experiences appropriate to the maturity, needs, and interests of students. In addition to school-level student activities, the Department shall maintain the student activities program at the state level. The program shall complement, extend, reinforce, and support academic learning experiences.

**Rationale:** Student activities, such as civic engagement, provide young people with opportunities to gain work experience, acquire new skills, and to learn responsibility and accountability—all while contributing to the good of their communities. Successful youth engagement strategies require that youth have genuine and meaningful opportunities to work with each other and with policymakers to impact issues of importance. The Board is committed to encouraging students to become involved in these activities and in their own governance.

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