

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS POLICY



Leestown Middle School

PHILOSOPHY FOR EXTRACURRICULARS

The philosophy of extracurriculars at Leestown Middle School is to provide learning opportunities to each student. Opportunities include but are not limited to teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline, moral character, and academics. We wish to create positive experiences that will allow the students to appreciate and grow from the acceptance of responsibility and complete involvement in a chosen endeavor.

CRITERIA FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

For an extracurricular program to be continued or to institute a new program, the program must:

1. Contribute to the following Kentucky Learning Goals:
 - Becoming a self-sufficient individual.
 - Becoming responsible members of a family, work group, or community, including demonstrating effectiveness in community service.
2. Generate and maintain student interest as well as attract students currently not involved in extracurricular or service projects.
3. Encourage, enhance, and maintain equity including but not limited to a wide range of opportunities for both male and female students.
4. Have a suitable adult sponsor and have appropriate adult supervision at all times.

CLUBS CURRENTLY OFFERED

Listed below are the clubs we currently offer. Additional clubs will be approved and instituted based on their ability to meet the criteria listed in the first section of this policy.

Art, Beta, STLP, World Languages, Chess, 4-H, Archery, Student Council

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CLUBS

Students will be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities if they:

1. Maintain passing grades in all subjects or show continuous growth, as monitored by teachers.
 2. Were in attendance on the day of the activity or on Friday for weekend activities.
 3. Comply with rules established by the adult sponsor for the activity.
 4. Where applicable, meet any requirements set by the appropriate sponsoring or governing organization.
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COACHES AND CLUB SPONSORS

Each extracurricular activity will be led by an adult coach or sponsor who meets all applicable requirements set in law, or by sponsoring or governing organizations. The coach or sponsor will be responsible for personally supervising or ensuring that all students are supervised by an adult while they are participating in an activity, including practice time and travel time where applicable.

The principal will assign coaches and sponsors following our policy on Instructional and Non-Instructional Staff Time Assignment. If it is necessary to consider applicants who do not currently work at our school, our policy on Consultation will be followed.

ATHLETICS CURRENTLY OFFERED

Listed below are the sports we currently offer. Additional sports will be approved and instituted based on their ability to meet the criteria listed in the first section of this policy.

Football, Volleyball, Basketball (girls and boys), Cheerleading, Track (boys and girls)

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS

In an effort to build leadership skills within our student athletes, an athletic policy will be implemented that will uphold an acceptable student code of conduct among the students athletes of our sports teams.

Goals of the Athletic Policy:

1. Leestown student athletes will be leaders on the field and in the classroom.
2. Leestown student athletes will represent the school in a positive way.
3. Leestown student athletes will conduct themselves according to the characteristics defined in the "*Leestown Way*."

Academic Requirements (per FCPS policy):

- Overall 2.0 average for the preceding appropriate grading period
- Pass 5 classes

Conduct Requirements (per FCPS policy):

- A student under suspension from school shall not be permitted to participate in practice sessions or any other activities during the suspension period.
- Weekly conduct checks will be instituted during the athletic season. Any student receiving two U (unsatisfactory) conduct grades shall have a conference with the principal, student, parent, and teachers involved to determine if the student will continue to represent the school in the current activity. After this conference, the student shall have two weeks to show improvement in conduct to a grade of S (satisfactory). If needed improvement does not occur, the participant shall be declared ineligible for a minimum of two weeks. After the two-week period, teachers must certify that the student's conduct has improved before eligibility is restored.
- Student athletes that are involved in "fights" or acts of severe physical aggression **throughout the entire school year**, will be disciplined according to the following procedures:
 - 1st offense: Student athlete will be disciplined according to the school discipline policy. The student athlete will also serve a minimum of a one week suspension from the team. The team suspension will not start until school consequence has been served. While suspended

from the team, the athlete will not be able to participate in any practices, games or team activities.

2nd offense: Student athlete will be disciplined according to the school discipline policy. The student athlete will also be ineligible for the rest of the season of the sport he or she is involved with.

3rd offense: Student athlete will be disciplined according to the school discipline policy. The student athlete will be ineligible to participate in any school athletic teams for the remainder of the school year.

Parent Notification: All student athletes will be required to sign a statement of understanding at the start of each athletic season (if an athlete is involved in multiple sports, a statement will need to be signed for each sport). All parents of student athletes will also be required to sign a statement of understanding. Coaches will turn-in copies of statements to the athletic director before the first game of their season.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Our extracurricular program will be evaluated through the needs assessment process for updating our School Improvement Plan.

POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our School Improvement Planning Process.

Date Adopted: _____

Date Reviewed or Revised: August 18, 2014 Council Chairperson's Initials (*CL*)

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