

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53**  
**Burnham – Detroit - Pittsfield**

**Co-Curricular Programs**

The purpose of co-curricular activities in District Schools is to provide the students with an opportunity to investigate and experience a variety of programs that may pique their interest and/or talents. Co-curricular activities help students develop many different skills, and abilities such as: collaboration, the value of hard work, good sportsmanship, critical thinking skills, team work, and time management. Current educational research indicates that student's active participation in co-curricular is not only for enjoyment, but the activities enhances his/her performance in school. The District provides a wide variety of activities so that the students may engage in many different experiences.

All students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities; however, student participation is a privilege and is governed by rules and regulations of the District Schools. Students may lose this privilege by violating these rules and regulations. Modifications and supports for students with disabilities will be provided as ordered by their Individualized Educational Program. The procedures that govern students' participation can be found in the Student Handbooks and also the Administrative procedural handbook.

Policy Reference: 9.18: Harassment, 9.21: Hazing, 9.29 Individualized Educational Program, 9.7: Standards for Student Behavior, 11.13: Weapons in the School, 11.14: Smoking on School Premises, 9.17: Student Substance Abuse Policy

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