

# **J-21 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

All students of Opelika City Schools who participate in extra-curricular activities will meet the administration approved requirements of the respective organization. Athletes in all sports including cheerleading will meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the Alabama Athletic Association.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### Eligibility for Student Activities

Students who are placed in the alternative school for disciplinary reasons are not allowed to actively participate in any extra-curricular clubs, on any athletic teams, nor are they allowed to attend any social functions sponsored by the schools.

### Student Clubs and Organization

The Board delegates to the Superintendent, Principals, other school staff members and students the responsibility to establish regulation for the operation of school-sponsored clubs and organizations. School-sponsored clubs and organizations will be under the direct control of school officials. Such clubs and organizations will not be affiliated or associated with any political or religious organizations or any organizations which deny membership on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap.

All school-sponsored clubs and organizations will meet the following criteria:

1. Every school club or organization will be sponsored by a member of the

faculty approved by the Principal of the school. Every organization will have the approval of the sponsor in advance for the time and place of all meetings and all social and athletic events and other activities of the organization. All regular meetings will be held on campus, and the sponsor will be present throughout such meetings. All other activities held outside the school or off campus must have the prior approval of the Principal. A sponsor or substitute sponsor approved by the Principal will be present throughout all activities, even if off campus.

1. Every school sponsored club will have a constitution approved by the Principal. Such constitutions will be kept on file in the school office.
2. The constitution will contain a statement that all members must be Students who are presently enrolled in the school of sponsorship.
3. The constitution will state qualifications for membership.

**c.** The constitution will contain a statement of the purposes of the club. The purposes will not be contrary to the welfare of the students or the school, or in conflict with the authority or responsibilities of the Board of Education and its employees.

**d.** The constitution will contain a statement that there is no affiliation with any political or religious organization.

1. The constitution will provide that the collection or disbursement of school sponsored club funds will be handled through the school principal and standard school bookkeeping procedures.
2. The constitution will provide that speakers who are neither members of the student body, faculty, or administration of the school must have prior approval of the sponsor and the Principal.

**3.** Authorization to conduct activities as an organization recognized by the school administration may be denied or revoked if:

1. The organization participates in, advocates, aids, or knowingly permits conduct by its members or others subject to its control, which is contrary to the welfare of the students

or the school, or which is in conflict with the authority or responsibility of the Board or any of its officials or employees;

2. The organization participates in, advocates, or knowingly permits activities, by its members or others subject to its control, which are not authorized by the constitution of the organization that has been approved by the principal of the school;
3. The organization fails to comply with Board policy or such rules and regulations as may be developed by local schools.

#### Athletics and Student Insurance

All students participating in athletics, including practice sessions must be properly insured against accidents as required by the Alabama Athletic Association. Beginning with the 1989-90 school term, all cheerleader squads are regarded as athletic teams and must follow the same eligibility standards and insurance requirements as other athletic teams.

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**LEGAL REF:**