

**Circle of Seasons Charter School
8380 Mohr Lane
Fogelsville, PA 18051**

Board of Trustees Policy

122 Extra-Curricular Activities Policy

1. Purpose
 - 1.1 Board of Trustees believes that the goals and objectives of Circle of Seasons Charter School ("Charter School") are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular or required curricular program.
2. Definition
 - 2.1 For purposes of this policy, "extra-curricular activities" shall be those activities which are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily be conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day, contribute to attainment of School objectives and be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate, subject to the eligibility requirements of this policy. "Extra-curricular activities" do not include student clubs (including after-school clubs), which are instead addressed in Policy #123 Student Clubs.
 - 2.2 The program of interscholastic athletics shall be considered extra-curricular and shall be defined as all activities relating to competitive sports, contests, games, events or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this Charter School when such activities occur between schools.
3. Delegation of Responsibility
 - 3.1 The CEO/Principal or her/his designee shall be responsible for the development and administration of extra-curricular activities.
 - 3.2 The direct control of athletics in the Charter School may be delegated by the CEO/Principal to authorized staff within the Charter School in accordance with procedures established by the CEO/Principal.

4. Authority

- 4.1 Interscholastic activities shall not be scheduled to conflict with any educational activity necessary for meeting the requirements of the officially approved curriculum.
- 4.2 A faculty member shall be present at each game or contest and shall remain with his/her group or team until it leaves the building or grounds where the event is held.
- 4.3 Any extra-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of Charter School when it has been recommended by the CEO/Principal and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 4.4 Charter School shall maintain the program of extracurricular activities at no cost to participating students, except that Charter School's responsibility for the provision of supplies shall have the same exemptions as listed in Charter School's policy on regular school supplies. Students may be required to assume all or part of the costs of travel and attendance at extra-curricular events and trips. Financial obligations shall not prevent a student from participating in an extra-curricular activity for which he/she otherwise is entitled to join.
- 4.5 Under charter school law, students are eligible to participate in the extracurricular activities of their school district of residence. School districts cannot limit participation of charter school students in extracurricular activities on the basis that the activity is "full" with school district students. Charter School students must be given an equal opportunity to compete for "spaces" in extracurricular activities. School districts are not required to provide transportation for a charter school student to or from the extracurricular activity. There may be additional requirements that the district of residence and charter school need to consider if the student participating or seeking to participate in extracurricular activities is a student with a disability.
- 4.6 The resident school district may charge Charter School for Charter School student participation in extracurricular activities since these costs were part of the per-pupil payment that is paid to charter schools. This fee is on a "cost basis", with the resident school district neither losing nor making money, as determined by the school district using the expenses of each activity, including coach or director, uniforms, transportation and miscellaneous costs.

- 4.7 Disputes regarding a Charter School student's participation in the school district's extracurricular activities should be resolved between the school district and Charter School.
- 4.8 Charter School students in Grades 6-8 participating in extracurricular activities in their home school districts may provide the CEO/Principal or his/her designee with paperwork indicating such student's participation and start times for practice/events from the school district activity leader. Charter School will release students from school up to 30 minutes early so that students can arrive in a timely fashion to the activity. Exceptions to the early release time limit will be handled on an individual basis depending on student schedule and requirements for completing school required assignments and activities.

5. Eligibility Requirements

- 5.1 This policy mandates that students achieve minimum levels of academic and behavioral performance, that achievement comes first, and that the students participating in extra-curricular activities will have earned that opportunity through their educational progress and citizenship as well as their physical skills and artistic or other talents.
- 5.2 Standards
- (a) Behavior: Any student may be prohibited from participation in any extra-curricular activity at the direction of the CEO/Principal if the student violates the attendance, citizenship, or behavior standards of the Charter School in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, the Charter School's Code of Conduct for Students remains in effect and is enforceable in relation to all clubs and activities.
 - (b) Drug Use:
 - (1) Coaches and other school personnel must not encourage or facilitate the use of drugs, hormones, blood doping, or other similar means by students for any purpose including body-building or the enhancement of athletic performance.
 - (2) Students must not use drugs, hormones, blood doping or similar means for the purpose of body-building or the enhancement of athletic performance.

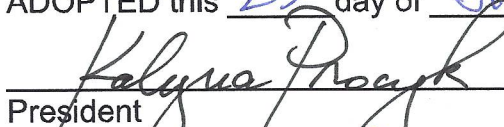
- (3) Violations of this section will lead to disqualification of students from extracurricular activities and disciplinary action.

(c) Attendance:

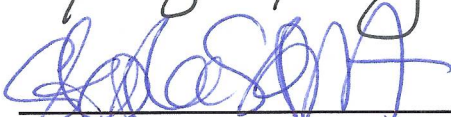
- (1) Any student having three (3) or more unexcused absences or lateness during the prior report card period shall be ineligible for extra-curricular activities. Further, any student absent from school shall be ineligible for participation in any after school extra-curricular activity on that date of the absence.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.

ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2019



President



Secretary