

COMMONWEALTH CHARTER ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY SECTION: 100 PROGRAMS

120. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

§ 1. Purpose and Authority

The Board of Trustees of Commonwealth Charter Academy (CCA) recognizes that student participation in extracurricular activities is an integral part of the overall learning experience.

To support student participation in extracurricular activities, the Board adopts this policy to establish guidelines for:

1. Student participation in extracurricular activities offered by CCA or by a student's school district of residence.
2. The review and payment of invoices received by CCA for a CCA student who participates in a school district-sponsored extracurricular activity.

In accordance with the Charter School Law, a CCA student may participate in an extracurricular activity provided by the student's school district of residence, provided CCA does not offer the same extracurricular activity and the student is able to satisfy the requirements for participation. Although the Charter School Law does not provide a statutory basis for a school district to invoice CCA for a CCA student who participates in a school district-sponsored extracurricular activity, the Board authorizes the CEO or his designee to make a good faith payment for such invoices in accordance with this Policy and its accompanying administrative guidelines. The good faith payment is not a waiver of CCA's objection to the lack of statutory authority for the assessment of such fees, but rather a recognition that part of the tuition paid to CCA by a resident school district includes amounts calculated to reflect the district's student activities expenditures.

The Board directs the CEO or designee to develop the administrative guidelines or regulations required to implement this policy.

§ 2. Definitions

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms used in this policy shall have the following meanings:

Extracurricular Activity – A planned, organized, and supervised activity, which is approved by the Board of CCA or by the Board of the student's district of residence, is conducted outside the regular curriculum, and is available to all students equally.

§ 3. Guidelines

Participation in CCA Sponsored Extracurricular Activities

A list of CCA sponsored extracurricular activities shall be posted on CCA's publicly accessible website.

Participation in CCA sponsored extracurricular activities is a privilege, and a student may not participate in an extracurricular activity, if the student has not:

1. Met the academic and attendance requirements for participation.
2. Adhered to applicable discipline standards or rules for participation.

Participation in Extracurricular Activities of Resident School District

Students at CCA may participate in an extracurricular activity of their resident school district if CCA does not provide the same extracurricular activity and the student is able to fulfill all of the requirements of participation in such activity.

Before a CCA student can participate in a school district-sponsored extracurricular activity, the student's parent/guardian must notify both the resident school district and CCA in writing of the student's intention to participate in a specified extracurricular activity. The parent/guardian must authorize the disclosure to the resident school district of any student records necessary to demonstrate that the student has fulfilled the academic and attendance requirements for participation.

The parent/guardian is responsible for the payment of any individual costs or fees which a resident school district requires its students to pay in order to participate in an extracurricular activity.

Payments to School Districts

If a resident school district invoices CCA for a CCA student's participation in a school district-sponsored extracurricular activity, CCA may make a good faith payment to the resident school district. The good faith payment should reflect the portion of the tuition payment amount related to extracurricular activities, which is based on the resident school district's total student activities expenditures (function 3200), as reported on the district's Annual Financial Report (AFR), divided by the total ADMs (Average Daily Memberships) of the school year preceding the year of extracurricular activity participation. The good faith payment amount shall not exceed \$500.00 per student, per school year.

CCA reserves the right to request additional documentation related to an individual student's participation in a district-sponsored extracurricular activity prior to making a good faith payment.

Distribution of Policy

This policy is hereby incorporated by reference into CCA's Learner Handbook and shall be posted on CCA's publicly accessible website.

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Cross Ref.:	Confidentiality of Student Records is addressed in Board Policies 113.4 and 216