

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5145.5

STUDENT CLUBS

The Cherry Hill Board of Education provides students with a rich academic and social environment in which all students are encouraged to achieve. The Board of Education also recognizes research that documents the concept that extracurricular activities are crucial to improved student performance and creating a sense of community. Cherry Hill seeks to provide a wealth of opportunities for all students.

The Cherry Hill Board of Education values the educational experiences that student clubs offer and encourages students to become involved in activities which extend beyond what is commonly thought of as the school day. It is also expected that the school will not only foster these interests as well as the educational goals of the district but, where practicable, provide the vehicle -- time, space, supervision -- that will grant students the opportunity to meet with other students who share similar interests in a quasi-organized mode. The structure of these organizations should be encouraged to mirror community groups by electing officers and having regular meetings.

These groups shall be considered to be sanctioned by the Board of Education provided they adhere to the administrative guidelines developed by the Superintendent of Schools. Such guidelines shall require supervision by a certificated employee of the Board of Education. Activities which, in the judgment of the principal, are considered to be of a questionable nature or involve a risk of personal safety, shall require approval of the Superintendent of Schools with an advisory to the Board of Education.

Formerly Policy JHCA

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