



Thompson School District
District-Sponsored Versus Non-District Sponsored
Activities and Organizations

There are two areas in which the question of district sponsorship is raised, i.e., student activities (co-curricular and extracurricular activities, including field trips and clubs) and student organizations.

District Sponsorship

In order for a student activity or student organizations to be considered district sponsored, the following **essential components** must relate to or be:

- Subject matter covered by, or an outgrowth of, established district curriculum (and bears a clear relationship to the regular school curriculum);
- An enhancement to the participant's educational experience;
- Educational goals of the district; and

It must adhere to the following **requirements**:

- Be approved, prior to formation or conducting activity, by building principal, and/or district activities and athletics director and board of education
- Have one or more faculty advisors, who supervise, direct and attend all meetings or activities; non curriculum related clubs do not have a faculty sponsor, but rather a licensed staff member serves as a monitor for purposes of general supervision and attends in a non-participatory capacity only.
- Comply with and are subject to all board policies, CHSAA guidelines, laws and regulations under the equal opportunity commission, office of civil rights and other governing agencies
- Be carefully controlled for the best interest of the students and district
- Be open to all interested and/or eligible students
- General guidelines or rules are developed and enforced by the principal and/or faculty advisor/sponsor
- Subject to student conduct and discipline policies

District Sponsored Student Activities or Organizations might include:

Athletics and Intramurals
Choirs and Choruses
National Honor Society
Plays and Musicals
Student Council

Bands, Orchestra and related ensembles
Class-based clubs, Forensics, Speech, Math, etc.
Pep Clubs
School Yearbook, School Newspaper
Career and Technical Education Clubs

An activity might be considered district-sponsored if:

- The sponsor and the specifics of the activity (i.e., supervision, venue, nature of activity and student transportation) are subject to all district policies and procedures, e.g., fingerprinting, training or licensing requirements, financial controls, disciplinary action, etc. **AND**

- The sponsor is either a district employee or a volunteer, under the direct control and supervision of a district employee

Non-district Sponsorship

There are times when either other organizations or individuals (including employees of the district) want to provide activities or opportunities to students, e.g., club or recreational sports, service or specific interests, etc. While the activities or opportunities are not district sponsored, by board policy, there are specific ways in which these are to be handled:

- All written material about a non-district sponsored trip or activity must contain the following disclaimer:

This trip/activity is not sponsored or approved by the Thompson School District. The Thompson School District is not responsible in any way for any injuries, losses or damages associated with, caused by, or related to the trip or participation in the activity.

- Sponsors are not considered district employees for these types of non-district sponsored activities and would have to rely on their own personal insurance coverage(s) as a remedy for any injuries, losses or damages suffered personally or any claims brought against them by others as a result of their involvement and/or participation in the particular trip or activity.
- If the activity is to take place in one of the district locations, a facility use agreement is to be executed and a permit issued.

Non-District Sponsored Student Activities or Organizations might include:

Amnesty International	Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
Club, Recreational, Summer, Extreme Sports	Culture clubs
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	GEMS, Math Counts, Science Olympics, etc
Religious clubs	Specific interest / hobby clubs

An activity might be considered non district-sponsored if:

- The sponsor/activity is subject to another governing agency (with its own governing body, by-laws, constitution, etc.).
- The sponsor/activity is completely self-directed and independent from any other entity or agency.
- The sponsor is not subject to district procedures, i.e., fingerprinting, training or licensing requirements, financial controls, disciplinary action, etc.

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