

# PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

## JJA – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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It is the policy of the Board to allow opportunities for all students to participate in co-curricular activities designed to meet their needs and interests.

Such activities must supplement and enrich regular academic instruction, provide opportunities for social development, encourage participation in clubs, athletics, performing groups, or encourage service to the school and community.

Any student organization must be recommended by the Principal and approved by the Board.

### **Eligibility**

To participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, all students must meet eligibility requirements, and understand that such participation is a privilege, not a right. The superintendent is directed to establish eligibility standards and procedures for acceptable academic performance, good citizenship/sportsmanship, parental permission, fees, and physical exams/health requirements.

In addition, students who choose to participate in interscholastic sports will be governed by Policy JJIB, Interscholastic Athletics, and by the eligibility standards of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA).

### **Participation**

The district allows students enrolled in other schools-including charter schools, non-public schools, and home schools-to participate on an equal basis in any activity offered by the district that is not offered at a student's school of attendance, provided they meet the eligibility requirements for participation. This applies to:

1. Students who are residents of this school district but who are being educated in a home school may participate provided they comply with all laws governing non- public home-based education.
2. Students who are residents of the district but who are being educated in an independent or parochial school if the school in which the student is enrolled does not sponsor the activity.

The superintendent is directed to establish procedures for application and appeal to implement this participation allowance.

### **Participation Fees**

Non-enrolled students participating in district co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are subject to the same fees charged enrolled students for the activity.

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**District Policy History:**

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**Legal References:**

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.26(d), Kindergarten-Grade 8 Curriculum*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(b)(5), High School Co-Curricular Program*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(v), Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities*

*[http://66.223.48.174/PDFs/803/Sportsmanship\\_Brochure.pdf](http://66.223.48.174/PDFs/803/Sportsmanship_Brochure.pdf)*

*[http://66.223.48.174/PDFs/800/Brochure\\_\\_Protecting\\_Your\\_High\\_School\\_Eligibility\\_.pdf](http://66.223.48.174/PDFs/800/Brochure__Protecting_Your_High_School_Eligibility_.pdf)*

*[http://66.223.48.174/PDFs/809/Guidelines\\_for\\_Student\\_Athletic\\_Standing.pdf](http://66.223.48.174/PDFs/809/Guidelines_for_Student_Athletic_Standing.pdf)*

*RSA 193:1-c, Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic...Pupils.*

*RSA 193-A:6, (Home Education), Records; Evaluation*