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The School Committee believes that student activities are a vital part of the total educational program, and that activities should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes, good human relations, knowledge, and skills. Therefore, the schools will provide a broad and balanced program of activities geared to the various ages, interests, and needs of students.

The following will serve as guides in the organization of student activities:

1. The schools will observe a complementary relationship with the home and community when planning activities with due regard for the widespread and rich facilities already available to students.
2. The assistance of parents in planning activity programs may be encouraged.
3. The goal for each student will be a balanced program of appropriate academic studies and activities to be determined by the school, the parents/guardians, and the student. This should be a shared responsibility.
4. Guidance will be offered to encourage participation of all students in appropriate activities and to prevent over-emphasis on extracurricular activities at the cost of academic performance.
5. All activities will be supervised, and all clubs and groups will have an advisor designated by the Principal.
6. Participation by students in programs of extra-curricular activities including interscholastic athletics is a privilege, and such participation shall be subject to the approval of the school principal and the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.
7. In reference to students on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) participating in extracurricular activities, academic performance exceptions may be made if it is felt that participation is a therapeutic activity and is approved by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.
8. Student participants in any Framingham extracurricular activity must recognize that they represent their school, and that their behavior reflects on the school and the community.

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