

POLICY: SUPERVISION OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SUMMARY

OBJECTIVE

This policy supports the ongoing safe and equitable provision of extracurricular activities in schools, ensuring these activities are led and supervised by a responsible adult.

DEFINITIONS

“Extracurricular Activities” refers to activities and/or experiences that do not fall within the scope of the regular curriculum and do not result in academic credit.

“Volunteer” refers to an individual who is not an employee of a regional centre for education (RCE) or the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) but who interacts with students, or groups of students within the school, or during activities associated with the school, including extracurricular activities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The safety and security of students is the first and foremost consideration
- Involvement of volunteers and community members in extracurricular activities is valued and viewed as important in cultivating community and school relationships
- Extracurricular activities can be led by school staff, volunteers, or a combination of the two

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all RCEs, the CSAP, and all Nova Scotia public schools and associated programs that fall under those education entities.

The directives outlined in this policy replace directives in existing policies covering the same issue.

DIRECTIVES

School administrators must have access to a range of options with respect to supervision to support the availability and delivery of extracurricular activities in their schools.

The principal or designate may assign responsibility for the supervision of extracurricular activities to:

- An employee of the RCE/CSAP
- A volunteer as defined by this policy

The Principal cannot limit supervision to one of the above groups or the other.

Any volunteer supporting or leading an extracurricular activity is required to meet all safety requirements established by the RCE/CSAP with respect to working with students. Volunteers are also required to meet certification and/or safety requirements set by any organization or body responsible for the oversight of the activity that they are supervising.

School administrators and RCE/CSAP staff must ensure that all policies and procedures are followed in conducting any and all necessary checks for both staff and volunteers assigned to supervise extracurricular activities. These checks must be in place and up-to-date.