INSTRUCTION

Interscholastic Activities and Competition

The following are the guidelines for forensics, dramatic, musical, and air rifle competitions and presentations:

I. Elementary school presentations shall normally be confined to their school campus unless approved by the principal and appropriate Level Associate Superintendent.

II. Middle school presentations, except for music, shall normally be confined to their school campus unless approved by the principal and appropriate Level Associate Superintendent. Middle school music presentations may be made at the elementary feeder schools upon approval of both principals. Middle school participation at music festivals (district and all-county) is permitted for those activities sponsored by the Virginia Music Educators’ Association (VMEA), the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA), Virginia Theater Association (VTA), along with the Prince William County Public Schools regulation pertaining to music performance criteria.

III. Senior high school activities and interscholastic athletics shall follow the rules and regulations on such activities set forth by the Virginia High School League (VHSL), VBODA, and the Office of Student Learning. The exception is that the Prince William County School Board does not recognize the exception allowed by VHSL that permits individual consideration by local school boards to grant athletic eligibility in the first full semester of attendance in schools within its local district. In the event a dual residency arrangement occurs within a family, if there is a change of residence of a high school student to a different school zone, that student is athletically ineligible until after one semester of residence. Activities sponsored by VMEA and VTA, along with the Office of Student Learning are permitted.

IV. The performances of high school bands as marching units shall be carefully selected and limited in number.

V. Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) students (cadets), who have passed the written rifle team test and meet team eligibility requirements, may participate in air rifle team competitions. All competitions shall be properly supervised by qualified JROTC staff. Competitions shall not take place on Prince William County School Board property. Cadets are not to store or transport rifles under any conditions. Cadets are expected to obey all competition rules and instructions to remain eligible to compete in competitions. Violations of rifle range and safety rules will result in cadets being removed from the rifle team for practices and competitions for the remainder of the school year.
VI. Appeals related to interscholastic activities and competition shall adhere to the following procedures, which coincide with School Board Policy 731:

A. The student or parent may appeal directly to the school principal by providing a written statement describing the individual circumstances;

B. The school principal shall review the appeal and submit a request or recommendation within two school days after receipt of the appeal to the Supervisor of Student Activities. The principal is also responsible for advising the appropriate Level Associate Superintendent of this action; and

C. The decision rendered by the Supervisor of Student Activities shall be final.

The Associate Superintendent for Student and Professional Learning (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

This regulation and related policy shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.