

# **POLICY**

## **Board of Education**

**Bernards Township**

**File Code: 6631**

### **FUNDING FOR CURRENT AND NEW ATHLETIC TEAMS AND EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS**

The Board of Education believes that student activities are an integral part of a student's education, and that they should be funded through both the district budget and parent responsibility. Funding for all athletic and extracurricular activities will be determined annually based upon available resources, with the balance funded through parent contribution and fund-raising. A fee as established annually during the budgeting process may be charged for participation in all high school athletic programs including marching band and cheerleading. Due to the large parental support required for the payment of ice rental time, participation in the ice hockey team is exempt from payment of this fee. Families who qualify for free or reduced price lunch will be exempt from payment of this fee. A refund of the athletic fee will only be made in the event the pupil is cut from the team, or if it is determined the pupil is ineligible for participation in the sport due to any reason prior to participation in the sport. A refund will not be provided in the event the pupil quits during the season. All existing activities will be given equal consideration, and funding shall be prorated based upon activity costs and enrollment. Funding for new activities shall be provided in accordance with guidelines for the funding of new athletic teams and extracurricular clubs for the first four years. Beginning with year five, the new athletic teams and clubs shall be given the same consideration as previously existing activities. The Superintendent shall ensure that guidelines exist for funding new athletic teams and extracurricular clubs.

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