

BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

STUDENT INFORMATION

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CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

A co-curricular activities program can be a vital part of a student's learning experience. We provide many and varied programs designed to contribute to the enjoyment of your life at Bethel Park High School as well as provide a meaningful supplement to your growth and development. Available programs cover a wide spectrum of interests with many having a direct connection to the academic curriculum. We hope you will realize the benefits that can be derived from the various activities and choose to become a part of our co-curricular program.

The following list is intended to give you an idea of just what activities are available to you. Additional information on these activities is often given in the morning announcements, in the daily bulletins and on bulletin boards. In addition, questions can always be answered in the activities office. Read through the list. Pick something that interests you. Give it a try. You can always change your mind.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Your time at Bethel Park High School can be the best four years of your life. It is up to **you** to make the decision and take the first step. Each year there is a wide array of co-curricular activities for each Bethel Park student. The Student Government Association has assembled this booklet to introduce these opportunities to you. We strongly encourage you to give at least one of them a try. Co-curricular activities add excitement and adventure, new friends and fun times, grand experiences and life lessons to your high school career. And there are many to choose from, covering almost any interest. We challenge you to learn more about these activities, go to a meeting, talk to a friend, teacher, or advisor, or simply stop by the Activities Center and we would be happy to assist you in choosing the right co-curricular activity. We hope you will read this booklet and strongly consider taking the first step in making your high school years the best they can be. Good Luck!

BPHS Student Government

ATHLETICS

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE SPORTS CONTACT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

Athletic Director: Dan Sloan - 412 854-8547 sloan.daniel@bphawks.org

Assistant Athletic Director: Laura Grimm - 412 854-8549 grimm.laura@bphawks.org

The interscholastic sports program consists of twenty eight (28) varsity teams, eighteen (18) junior varsity teams, seven (7) junior high teams and twelve (12) middle school programs. All of these groups compete in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). The local district of the PIAA that our school competes in is District 7, commonly known as the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League or (WPIAL). Athletic offerings along with the level and season in which they participate are listed below.

Baseball: Spring Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Junior High.

Basketball: Winter Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Junior High, Middle School.

Cheerleading: Fall/Winter Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Middle School. Competitive Spirit is also offered at the Varsity level.

Cross Country: Fall Season; Varsity, Middle School.

Diving: Winter Season; Varsity.

Football: Fall Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman, Middle School.

Golf: Fall Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity.

Lacrosse: Spring Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity.

Rifle: Winter Season; Varsity.

Softball: Spring Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Middle School.

Soccer: Fall Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Middle School.

Swimming: Fall/Winter Season; Varsity (Winter), Middle School (Fall).

Tennis: Fall/Spring Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity Girls (Fall), Varsity, Junior Varsity Boys (Spring).

Track: Winter/Spring Season; Indoor Track (Winter) Varsity, Outdoor Track (Spring) Varsity, Middle School.

Unified Bocce: Winter Season; Varsity

Volleyball: Fall/Spring Season; Varsity, Junior Varsity, Middle School Girls (Fall), Varsity, Junior Varsity, Middle School Boys (Spring).

Wrestling: Winter Season; Varsity, Junior High.

Club Sports:

Ice Hockey (Fall/Winter Season)

In-Line Roller Hockey (Winter Season)

Girls Slow Pitch Softball (Fall Season)

Boys Fencing (All Seasons)

Girls Fencing (All Seasons)

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| ART CLUB | Sponsor: Paige Landay | landay.paige@bphawks.org |
| The Art Club is primarily a service organization which takes care of the artistic needs of the high school and the surrounding community. There are ample opportunities for advanced projects, art appreciation, and fellowship not always available to regular art classes. All Art Club students take part in the planning, organizing, and participation in the yearly school art show known as Artsfest . Art Club is open to any student that loves to create. Students may join at any time. | | |
| Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times. | | |

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| THE BEACON YEARBOOK | Sponsor: John Allemang | allemang.john@bphawks.org beacon@bphawks.org |
| Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times. | | |

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| BEST BUDDIES | Sponsor: Julie Hernandez | hernandez.juliea@bphawks.org |
| <p>The Best Buddies Club is a student-lead friendship club that creates opportunities for one-on-one friendships and leadership development for students with and without disabilities. The Best Buddies mission is to help create an inclusive school climate for students and a community culture of acceptance. Best Buddies is all about inclusion and we welcome everyone to join our club.</p> | | |
| <p>Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.</p> | | |

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| BETHETTES | Sponsor: Karrie Kinzel | kinzel.karrie@bphawks.org |
| <p>The Bethettes are an important component of the Marching Band. They perform challenging and creative dance and drill routines while cheering on the Band and Bethel Park sports teams. The Bethettes also entertain the community in parades and special presentations at the high school. Tryouts are held in the spring for students entering grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.</p> | | |
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| (BPHS) ESports Club | Sponsor: Mike Bellini | bellini.michael@bphawks.org |
| <p>The BPHS E-Sports Club will provide students the opportunity to participate in esports competitions and group video games throughout the school year. These will include practice throughout the year and the possibility to enter a large tournament through the high school esports league. The club may meet at school or through the clubs DISCORD online community. While the club may meet outside of regular school hours and the building, all students must adhere to the expectations set forth in the school code of conduct.</p> | | |
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| BLACK HAWK TV | Sponsor: Bradley Kzastowski | kzastowski.bradley@bphawks.org |
| <p>Black Hawk TV is the student-led video production club at Bethel Park High School. This club is in charge of filming events at BPHS such as games, concerts, the play, and the musical. BHTV is also in charge of streaming games on YouTube Live using high end professional video equipment. Any student with an interest in broadcasting, video production, or</p> | | |

streaming is encouraged to join.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

CAMERA CLUB

Sponsor: John Allemang

allemang.john@bphawks.org

The Camera Club provides students with the opportunity to learn and improve camera skills, promote creativity through digital photography, and share their work with their peers and community. Students will be called upon to capture everyday school moments as well as school, community, and athletic events. Student work will be shared on social media, in the online student newspaper, and in the Beacon yearbook.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

CHESS CLUB

Sponsor: Vic DiPrampo

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The Chess Club offers Bethel Park students an enjoyable time, sharing in the excitement of the game of chess. Students learn and develop strategy for competitive chess while meeting other students with similar interests.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

DECA: AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS STUDENTS

Sponsor: Emily Smoller

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DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA is a co-curricular club; therefore, students must be enrolled in a Marketing Class at BPHS to participate in the program. The club provides students with the opportunity to compete in academic competitions, fulfill leadership roles, participate in community service, and be awarded scholarships. Participation in DECA helps students develop and build the following skills: problem solving, collaboration, creativity, communication, written report preparation, presentation preparation & delivery and networking, among others. Students will have the opportunity to travel and advance to District, State and International Career Development

Conferences. Participation is a must for those interested in majoring in business in college or anyone that is looking to build skills that will make themselves successful in any industry!

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bellini.michael@bphawks.org

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FALL PLAY

Sponsor: Cortney Williams

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The Fall Play is an opportunity for students interested in the theater and in performing on stage. Each year Bethel Park students work diligently in preparing a first-class play that both the community and fellow classmates enjoy. Auditions are open to all Bethel Park High School students in the early fall.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

**FCCLA - FAMILY, CAREER,
& COMMUNITY LEADERS
OF AMERICA**

Sponsor: Heather Fontana

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FCCLA is a nonprofit student organization that develops leaders while addressing personal, work, family and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. The club focuses on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader. Members develop skills through leadership, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge, and career preparation. FCCLA meets once-a-week. Members can participate in workshops at the regional conference

and compete in various areas at the state and national level. Any student can participate in grades 9 - 12. FCCLA participates in Community Days and the Homecoming Parade and also focuses on a variety of community service projects.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CLUB

Sponsor: Lorri Smith

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This is an excellent opportunity for students who wish to study their particular language in another country. This club offers qualified students the opportunity to live overseas, experience the culture firsthand, and polish language skills. All students are invited.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

FORENSICS

Sponsor: Christine Robb

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The team holds membership in two national and one state league. As members of the National Forensic League, the speech and debate honor society, CFL and the Pennsylvania High School Speech League students have the opportunity to compete on the district, state and national levels in various speech and debate activities. Successful students have competed throughout the United States where they have polished their speaking skills, visited unbelievable natural and historical sights and formed lasting friendships. Forensics is a rewarding co-curricular activity to traditional history and English classes. If you like acting or drama you can compete in a number of speech (IE) events including interpretation of Prose/Poetry and performing cuttings from Dramatic/Humorous plays.

Students involved in following current events and the world scene may compete in Extemporaneous Speaking; others may have "something to say" and perform in Original Oratory.

Debate events are varied. There are team events such as Cross-Examination (Policy), Public Forum or Parliamentary. Individual debate events include Lincoln-Douglas and Legislative (Student Congress).

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

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| FRENCH CLUB | Sponsor: Tracy McCoy | mccoy.tracy@bphawks.org |
| <p>The French Club takes language studies one step further by offering opportunities to practice the French language through games, activities and movies. The culture of countries where French is spoken can be explored in numerous ways – sampling their foods, viewing their films, etc... As global citizens students can choose to raise awareness about countries whose languages we study; i.e. Haiti, Costa Rica, etc. With approval, students can choose to give aid to countries in need through various fundraisers.</p> | | |
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| GERMAN CLUB | Sponsor: Christopher Tobias | tobias.christopher@bphawks.org |
| <p>The German Club provides opportunities for BPHS students of German to increase their understanding of the German language and culture through extra-curricular activities that are intended to promote German as a true means of communication. The club participates in a number of annual German language competitions in and around the Pittsburgh area, attends local German events and sponsors the BPHS chapter of the Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society. The club also strives to create friendship, solidarity and enthusiasm among those Bethel Park students who intend to pursue their study of German beyond the high school level. All Honors and AP German students are welcome. Membership for German 1 students is by invitation only.</p> | | |
| <p>Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.</p> | | |

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| HOMECOMING COMMITTEE | Sponsor: Brad Kszastowski | kszastowski.bradley@bphawks.org |
| <p>Homecoming Week at Bethel Park is an annual fall event that provides fun opportunities for hundreds of students as well as entertainment for the alumni and the community. Activities include: special awards, float building, Powder Puff Football, Homecoming King and Queen, the Homecoming Dance, Parade, Tailgate, and many other related events. Homecoming is an excellent way for incoming freshmen to get involved in High School early on. Students may use their talents in an array of areas and sub committees that come together during Homecoming Week. All students are encouraged to take part in some way.</p> | | |
| <p>Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.</p> | | |

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| VERNISSAGE - LITERARY MAGAZINE | Sponsor: Charles E. Youngs | youngs.charles@bphawks.org |
| <p>Vernissage, the BPHS literary magazine, offers creative writers and artists opportunities to create, to design, and to publish their writing. Staff members have a strong interest in thinking imaginatively, and in developing the ability to recognize artistic and creative writing. The Vernissage staff publishes its annual issue in the spring. To do so requires year-round work to collect, edit, and publish student created submissions. Short stories, poetry, artwork, and photography are published in the annual edition. The students in the high school are encouraged to contribute submissions for the magazine. The staff evaluate the works, and select the best for publication. Typically, the staff meets monthly throughout the year to share and discuss poems and stories and curate art, and weekly in the fourth quarter, leading up to publication. This is an enjoyable club for students who are passionate about literary and communication arts, and is a great experience prior to college application. As students express themselves imaginatively, design innovatively, and use their creative talents of composition and curation, they collaborate to produce a quality publication that represents the writers and artists' voices of the Bethel Park High School.</p> | | |
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| MAJORETTES | Sponsor: Karrie Kinzel | kinzel.karrie@bphawks.org |
| <p>The Majorettes are an important component of the Marching Band. They perform challenging and creative dance, drill, and baton routines while cheering on the Band and Bethel Park sports teams. The Majorettes also entertain the community in parades and special presentations at the high school. Try-outs are held in the spring for students entering grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.</p> | | |
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| MARCHING BAND | Sponsor: Chad Thompson | thompson.chad@bphawks.org |
| <p>The Bethel Park Marching Band is an excellent way for music loving students to show off their</p> | | |

talents, meet new people and create lasting friendships, and learn discipline and life's skills necessary for future success. Marching Band begins in mid-August at Band Camp, performing throughout the year at Half Time Shows, Band Festivals, Steelers Games and special performances. In May, the Band travels to compete at the national level. All students entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 are invited to learn more about the Marching Band.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

MATH CLUB

Sponsor: Mary Ann Pfeuffer

pfeuffer.maryann@bphawks.org

A club for those students who are interested in math beyond the math classroom. Students in the math club participate in monthly competitions against other school districts in the Mathematics Council of Western PA Senior High Mathematics League. Math club is open to any interested student in grades 9-12 at BPHS.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

MUSICAL (Spring)

Sponsor: Todd Kuczawa

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This annual event uses student talent to perform a Broadway musical. Auditions for this theatrical events are held in the fall and are open to all interested students. Bethel Park musicals provide opportunities for students to become involved in the areas of singing, acting, dancing, playing in the pit orchestra, scenery painting, stage crew, make-up, costumes, scenery construction, stage lighting, and sound. All students are welcome.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

NHS -- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: Sean O'Brien

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Encourage your son/daughter to become a member of, and a leader in, the National Honor Society. National Honor Society is a service based organization that prides itself on helping the community. We engage in numerous opportunities to benefit the Bethel Park community and beyond. Students are encouraged to develop their own service projects as well as serve a leadership role in them. The requirements for the NHS are as follows:
To be inducted, students must have a minimum 3.85 QPA (and must maintain this

requirement to stay in NHS) at the end of the first semester their sophomore year. All members (even inductees) must have a minimum of 35 community service hours each year. Additionally, every new and current member of NHS submits a Leadership check sheet each year. Inductees must complete the application as well as obtaining two recommendations from their teachers. The application for NHS membership can be found on our webpage (<http://www.bpsd.org/hsNHS.aspx>), but only students who meet our QPA requirements will receive a letter inviting them to join. Members of NHS are involved in one of three committees: Dance & Induction, PR & Fundraising, or Community Service.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

HAWK EYE: THE ONLINE STUDENT NEWS OF BPHS

Sponsor John Allemang

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For the latest happenings at Bethel Park High School, Hawk Eye, the online student news of Bethel Park High School is your source! Hawk Eye provides students interested in communications careers, practical experience and an audience for their work. Journalism offers all students the chance to develop their skills in reporting, writing, and producing. Students work as a team, filling roles of reporters, columnists, photographers, videographers, and editors, producing online news.

Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

SCIENCE CLUB

Sponsors: Randi Durmis
Megan Farren

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farren.megan@bphawks.org

A club for those students who are interested in science beyond the science classroom. Students will be provided the opportunity to enter competition at the regional and state levels. A popular competition for science club members is the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science regional and state tournaments, but there are a variety of arenas for students to contribute their experiments and investigations. All students are welcome.

Please contact the club sponsors listed above for information on meeting dates/times.

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| SGA - STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION | Sponsor: Bradley Kszastowski | kszastowski.bradley@bphawks.org |
| <p>One hundred and thirty members strong, SGA is a student run organization representing the view of the student body and promoting good relations between students, faculty, and administration. SGA also makes a special effort to reach out to the community. The Bethel Park SGA is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils and has a nationwide long standing career of excellence. SGA is divided into the House of Representatives and the Senate guided by an Executive Board. All SGA Executive Board Officers are trained at PASC Leadership Workshops over the summer to ensure the best possible Student Government. In addition to elected offices, students may become involved in committees or apply for Rep at Large status. There are always many opportunities to get involved in SGA.</p> | | |
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| SPANISH CLUB | Sponsor: Kristen Marena | marena.kristin@bphawks.org |
| <p>The Spanish Club provides opportunities for BPHS students to experience the language and culture in ways that are not possible in the traditional classroom setting. The club intends to participate in a variety of activities including community service projects, cultural events, and other after-school activities that provide students additional insight into the language and culture. . The club also strives to create friendship, solidarity and enthusiasm among those Bethel Park students who intend to pursue their study of Spanish beyond the high school level. The club also sponsors the Bethel Park Chapter of the <i>Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica</i> through the AATSP. All Honors and AP Spanish language students are welcome and membership is by invitation only.</p> | | |
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| STAGE CREW | Sponsor: TBD | TBD |
| <p>The stage crew at Bethel Park is an extremely active club dedicated to providing excellent service to everyone who uses the auditorium at Bethel Park High School. Our crew members are trained in all technical theater operations. They especially concentrate on lights, sound, props, scenery, gallery, and special effects. The stage crew works all events from assemblies and concerts to our two large scale productions: Fall Play and Spring Musical. All students welcome.</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/bethelparkcrew/home?authuser=1</p> | | |

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| S.T.A.N.D. | Sponsor: Tracy Ford | ford.tracy@bphawks.org |
| Stand Together Against Negativity and Discrimination is a diversity club/organization that provides the opportunity for us to celebrate one another for what others call differences but are characteristics that are unique to us individually. STAND's mission is to spread kindness, respect, dignity, and LOVE. ALL are welcome!! | | |
| Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times. | | |

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| Team Blackhawk | Sponsor: Clyde Qualk | qualk.clyde@bphawks.org |
| This student led activity meets outside the school day. Their mission is to bring encouragement to students and/or athletes through bible study which will enable them to connect better with their teammates and individual faith. This activity is open to all students that may be interested in order to promote personal growth and to connect with other students of common interests and beliefs. This extracurricular activity operates outside the regular school day and outside the regular school curriculum within the guidelines of School Board Policy 122. | | |
| Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times. | | |

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| USHERS CLUB | Sponsor: TBD | |
| The members of the ushers club assist for various school sponsored events. They include, but are not limited to the Play, Musical and Telerama. All students grades 9-12 are invited. | | |
| ***Club is currently under reorganization, meeting dates and time TBD. | | |

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| <p>WAYS AND MEANS</p> | <p>Sponsors:</p> <p>Class of 2023 – Chris Durco Brad Kszastowski</p> <p>Class of 2024 - Randi Durmis Erin Wheat</p> <p>Sponsors: Class of 2025 - TBD</p> | <p>durco.chris@bphawks.org</p> <p>kszastowski.bradley@bphawks.org</p> <p>durmis.randi@bphawks.org</p> <p>wheat.erin@bphawks.org</p> <p>TBD</p> |
| <p>Each class has a ways and means organization under the direction of the class principal, class advisor, and class officers. These groups are in charge of planning, organizing, and carrying out the various activities of each class under the direction of the officers. Ways & Means organize activities that help raise money for Prom and interactive class activities. Each class represents some of the hardest working and most dedicated students in the school. All students are invited.</p> | | |
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Bethel Park Student Club/Activities Guide

[The following information is taken from the Bethel Park School District Policy: 122.](#)

Definition: For purposes of this policy, **extracurricular activities** shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate.

Participation Policy

Clubs must follow district policy 103 and provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.

Policies Governing Student Activities

1. It is the duty of the staff sponsor/advisor to keep all student participants informed of rules, expectations, and guidelines.
2. It is the duty of the club sponsor advisor to develop a meeting schedule, which will be provided to the building principal or designee.
3. The club sponsor advisor will be responsible for all field trip requests as outlined in Board/District Policy.
4. The club sponsor advisor must seek permission of building administration, make requests for bus transportation, and seek parent/guardian permission.
5. The club sponsor advisor must be available to his/her students during the entire meeting.
6. The club sponsor advisor should advise students in the organization that students may not transport other students on field trips without parent written permission and approval by building administration.
7. All activities beyond normal meeting dates should be approved by the building administration and placed on the school calendar.
8. Club sponsor advisors must adhere to all fundraising /donation policies as outlined by [Board Policy 229](#) and [Board Policy 702.1](#).
9. The club sponsor advisor must maintain a list of the club's members, attendance records, and provide the necessary materials as needed in the annual report.

Organization Requirements

To be considered an active club, the club must have met all the following requirements during the previous school year:

1. Minimum membership of 14 students (1% of student population), unless otherwise approved by BPHS administration.
2. Follow district [Policy 103](#) and provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.
3. Student roster of club members must be submitted annually to the BPHS student activities secretary.
4. Clubs should meet bi-weekly or monthly, but are required to meet a minimum of 9 times per school year.
5. Student sign-in sheets must be completed and maintained by the club sponsor for each meeting and available if requested by building administration or designee.
6. Clubs connected to funding must adhere to the requirements associated with the appropriate account.
7. The club sponsor advisor will be responsible for all field trip requests as outlined in [Board/District Policy 231](#) and [Policy 241](#).

How to Form a New Club

Starting a club can be a challenging, yet rewarding experience. Bethel Park has a rich history of clubs that serve the diverse interests of our students. Before beginning the process of creating a new club, we ask that you first look at the descriptions of our current clubs and activities to see if your ideas may fit into an existing club. Duplicating ideas or having multiple clubs with too many similarities is not in the best interest of our school community. However, if you have a unique idea and a strong desire to have a positive impact on our school by forming a new club, please carefully read the following information regarding requirements and complete the [Application for a New Student Activity Club](#).

**** New club formation and applications will be submitted for consideration once a school year in the spring. All new club applications will be shared with the School Board for consideration. Students may be requested to present their proposals and be available for questions if needed.***

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Establishment of a New Student Activity Club: The Board recognizes the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship. It is expected that new Club pursuits will arise over time and students seeking club status need to meet the following in order to establish a new Club:

1. Club topics must be safe and school appropriate. **The school district reserves the right to deny Club status to any organization should it be deemed that the activity presents issues, and is not aligned with the best interest of the District.**
2. Club Sponsor must be a staff member of the school district.
3. Minimum membership of 14 students (1% of student population), unless otherwise approved by the school board.
4. Follow district [Policy 103](#) and provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.
5. Initial student roster of club members must be submitted with the application.

6. Clubs should meet bi-weekly or monthly, but are required to meet a minimum of 9 times per school year.

7. Student sign-in sheets must be completed and maintained by the club sponsor for each meeting and available if requested by building administration and/or the school board.

8. Clubs connected to funding must adhere to the requirements associated with the appropriate account.

9. The club sponsor advisor will be responsible for all field trip requests as outlined in [Board/District Policy 231](#) and [Policy 241](#).

Any new Club will enter a 3-year provisional period to determine the sustainability of the program. Clubs that have successfully completed the provisional period will be eligible to apply for permanent status in year 4 and will be taken to the board for approval.

During the provisional period, the Club will be authorized to:

1. Use Bethel Park High School facilities to meet.
2. Host events and activities with principal approval.
3. Have an activity fund after year 1 when applicable as defined in [Board Policy 618](#).
4. Inclusion in the student yearbook.

At the conclusion of each school year during the 3-year provisional period, the end of year annual report must be submitted to the Student Activities Office for school board review of compliance by May 31st in order to maintain provisional status. This report must include:

1. Dates and attendance records of all meetings.
2. Description of events and activities sponsored by the Club.
3. Activity fund budget with expenses and revenues (if applicable).
4. Rationale for continued Club status.

Failure to meet the May 31 deadline and/or incomplete reports may result in the loss of recognition of provisional club status and the privileges associated with it. If the Club completes the 3-year provisional period, the club sponsor/student representative may apply to receive permanent Club status when completing the third school year. ** During the provisional period **the School District reserves the right to review, renew and/or withdraw a Club's status at any time or for any reason.**