

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

Name of EDA:	Black Saga
School Level:	Elementary and Middle

Description of Activity: Under the direction of the principal, the Black Saga sponsor plans, organizes, and coordinates Black Saga team meetings and practices. The emphasis is on building teamwork, study skills, and academic discipline. The Black Saga sponsor oversees and directs the team’s participation in school, county, and state Black Saga competitions.

The Black Saga sponsor should have knowledge of American and African-American history and excellent oral and written communication skills. The sponsor should possess the ability to effectively organize various instructional techniques, games, quizzes, and competitions to improve students’ mastery of over 800 questions about the black experience in American history.

Link to the Blueprint for Progress: Black Saga sponsors support the system’s mission to provide a quality education for all students by developing and implementing instructional strategies that include multiculturalism, with an emphasis upon the contributions of African-Americans in American history. These after-school activities extend and reinforce the social studies curriculum and strengthen school, community, and parental involvement. The role of the Black Saga sponsor supports the *Blueprint’s* Performance Goal 1, Strategies f, g, p, l, o, r and s, Performance Goal 6, Indicators 6.4 and 6.5, Strategies, e and h, and Performance Goal 7, Strategy e.

<i>Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor</i>	<i>Estimated Annual Hours</i>
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Preparation and Planning	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secures meeting location and develops meeting times • Researches and collects materials for use in meetings and competitions • Plans, coordinates, and supervises Black Saga competitions (e.g., creates morning announcements and flyers announcing competition, recruits students) • Selects and trains competition judges • Purchases recognition awards for participants, competition supplies and materials, and refreshments within allocated budget • Develops and prepares competition agenda • Registers team for county and state competitions • Makes travel arrangements for competitions 	
Black Saga Meetings and Competitions	45 – 60
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervises and directs regular after-school meetings of the Black Saga team (e.g., mock competitions, competition rules, and etiquette) 	

- Teaches role of African-Americans in American history using Black Saga handbooks and teacher-prepared materials
- Communicates regularly with parents via newsletter and email
- Accompanies team to county and state competitions which may require evening and/or weekend travel within allocated budget
- Sponsors field trips to augment Black Saga classroom curriculum (e.g., Reginald Lewis Museum of African-American History)
- Sponsors school wide activities during Black History month

Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 75 – 90

Minimum Number of Students Required: The number of students required will vary depending upon the school's enrollment. A viable team is comprised of 7-10 students.

Annual Compensation

Black Saga is a Level I activity.