

The Board of Education regards student involvement in extra-curricular activities as a vital part of a students' educational experience. The Board of Education further believes that opportunities for students to organize and plan, assume leadership roles, gain recognition and identity, experience self-governance, develop interests and talents, recreate physically and emotionally, and mature socially come to a significant degree from involvement in extra-curricular activities. Therefore, in addition to the district's core instructional program, the Board of Education shall make available an extra-curricular activities program that both enriches and enhances the instructional program as well as develops and extends student interests and talents in areas deemed developmentally appropriate and necessary.

The Board of Education encourages the development of a broad diversified program of student extra-curricular activities. The goal of each activity shall be to complement the educational philosophy and goals of the District. Care shall be taken to ensure that the nature and conduct of each activity is appropriate to the age and maturation level of the students involved. The Board of Education also encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school students in the extra-curricular activities programs. For purposes of this policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allows.

Student involvement in extra-curricular activities is considered to be a privilege, as well as a right, with accompanying responsibilities and expectations. To this end, the Administration shall be responsible for the establishment of a code of conduct that regulates student participation in extra-curricular activities, conduct of visiting adults, and guidelines for advisors and coaches. Students must adhere to all rules and regulations established for participation in each extra-curricular activity. Students who violate school and/or activity rules or regulations shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The Richmond School District shall not discriminate in the admission to or participation in any extra-curricular program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions, or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap or other factors prohibited by state and federal laws and regulations. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from placing students in programs or activities based on objective standards of performance, providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District, or from providing separate toilet, locker and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes 118.13
 120.12(23)
 PI 9.03(1)(a) (WI Administrative Code)

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