

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.

All extracurricular activities sponsored by the District, including organized interscholastic and intra-District athletics and fitness opportunities, shall:

1. Be designed to be an extension of the curriculum or provide experiences for students that enhance student learning and/or personal, social, and physical growth and development.
2. Be approved by the School Board when the activity involves a new or substantially modified funding and/or staffing obligation, or by the District Administrator or building principal when the activity does not involve such additional budgetary or staffing obligations.
3. Have an adult advisor/supervisor appointed by the District Administrator or his/her designee.
4. Be funded in a manner that is consistent with applicable District policies and procedures.
5. Be scheduled in such a way so as to minimize infringement upon the regular school day and the daily schedule of classes. Any activity or event scheduled during the school day must have approval of the building principal.

Students shall be expected to abide by all rules and regulations established for participation in District-sponsored extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics. Where applicable, these rules and regulations shall be consistent with any rules of eligibility and conduct required by state or other associations to which the activities are affiliated. Students who violate such rules and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or other action.

No student shall be permitted to participate in any District-sponsored student athletic activities unless he/she has provided the school with a signed concussion and head injury information sheet as required by law.

The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school (K-8) students in available co-curricular and recreational programs and activities that are offered by and through the District. For purposes of this Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equitable participation opportunities (1) in a manner consistent with applicable nondiscrimination requirements, and (2) to the extent that the budget, facilities, or type of activity allows. The principal and their designees in the District's K-8 buildings are responsible for informing students and parents and guardians of the co-curricular and recreational activities that are available at the relevant grade levels and for implementing

registration and scheduling processes in a manner that gives due regard for the goal of full participation.

The District shall not unlawfully discriminate in admission to or participation in any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of the person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, any physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally-protected status or classification. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from placing a student in a program or activity based on standards of individual performance, or from providing separate programs and facilities in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs and facilities are sufficiently comparable in type, scope, and support from the District. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established District procedures.

### **Legal References:**

#### **Wisconsin Statutes**

- [Section 118.13](#) [student discrimination prohibited]
- [Section 118.133](#) [home-based private educational program student participation in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities]
- [Section 118.293](#) [requirements for addressing concussions and head injuries in youth athletic activities]
- [Section 120.12\(23\)](#) [policy requirement; access to extracurricular and recreational activities by K-8 students]
- [Section 120.13\(1\)](#) [school board power to adopt student conduct rules and discipline students]

#### **Wisconsin Administrative Code**

- [PI 9.03\(1\)](#) [student nondiscrimination in student extracurricular activity and interscholastic athletics policies]

### **Cross References:**

District Extracurricular/Athletic Code(s)

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