

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (including Athletics)

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Extracurricular activities are recognized as an integral part of the educational program. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in such activities, while giving their academic work the priority it deserves.

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.
6. Participation in interscholastic athletics is limited to students in grades 9-12 with participation of properly supervised teams from grades 7 and 8 also permitted in a limited program within their own grade levels with other schools.
7. Students in grades 8 and/or below are prohibited from competing with or against 9-12 grade students in member schools without a waiver from the W.I.A.A.
8. Arrangements shall be made by school administration for the provision of emergency services at all extra-curricular events. This provision may be letting the coach/advisor know whom to contact in case of emergency. The designated person shall be knowledgeable of the school's emergency nursing policy and procedures as well as the After School Event Emergency Plan. Other school personnel may handle routine first aid procedures and first aid kits must be on hand at every athletic event.

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 (for example, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) for interscholastic activities offered in the District). Students who violate such rules and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or other action. All students participating in activities or events as representatives of the Waunakee Schools shall receive a copy of the code of conduct and shall sign a statement indicating that he/she understands the code and its conditions. The building principal or his or her administrative designee shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the student code of conduct.

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No student or other youth shall be permitted to participate in any District-operated youth athletic activities unless he/she has provided the school with a properly-signed concussion and head injury information sheet as required by state law, the information sheet distributed by the District shall also include information about the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest during youth athletic activities. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he/she has a physical every other year.

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 building principals 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 118.2935](#) [requirements for providing information about sudden cardiac arrest in connection with 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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411-Rule (1) Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures
370-Rule (2), Co-Curricular Program Eligibility
370-Rule (1), Co-Curricular Activity Size Limitations
447.31 In-School Suspension
881, Relations with Community (Wednesday Activities)
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