

STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and ability in the students during their school years and for their lifetime.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a school activity unless the activity is not offered, the activity is an intramural or interscholastic athletic activity or the student cannot participate for disciplinary or academic reasons. If the activity is an intramural or interscholastic athletic activity, students of the opposite sex will have a comparable opportunity for participation. Comparable opportunity does not guarantee boys and girls will be allowed to play on each other's teams when there are athletic activities available that will allow both boys and girls to reap the benefits of school activities, which are the promotion of additional interests and abilities in the students.

Student activity events must be approved by the superintendent unless it involves unusual travel expense, in which case the Board will take action. The District will approve only those student trips which are of value in meeting educational objectives and which do not seriously interfere with the educational routine of students who must remain in school. The events must not disrupt the education program or other school district operations.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for school activities that will include examples of student conduct that would prevent eligibility (violations of policy 504.3 Student Conduct Code). These regulations shall include, but not be limited to, any requirements for physical examinations, procedures for notifying parents/guardians about the risk of the activity, academic requirements, and proof of insurance on the student participating in certain activities. Eligibility requirements for Special Education students will be defined in their IEP. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity.

Legal Ref.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683; 1685-1686.
34 C.F.R. Pt. 106.41
Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.13-.14.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6), 12.6., 36.15(7).

Cross Ref.: 504.3 Student Conduct Code
505.3 Contests Involving Students
509.0 Attendance and Tardy Policy
510.61 Nonschool Team Participation
604.3 Fields Trips And Other Off School Site Learning Opportunities

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