

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 reasons. If the activity is an intramural or inter-scholastic 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 events must not disrupt the education program or other school district operations.

A high school student who participates in school sponsored athletics may participate in a non-school sponsored sport during the same season with the approval and signed per-mission slip of the head varsity coach, and the athletic director or high school principal. Such outside participation shall not conflict with the school sponsored athletic activity. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to penalties as indicated under the Specific Rules section of the Student Athletic Handbook; suspension of 11% of athletic contests for the first offense, 44% of athletic contests for the second offense, dropped from the team for one year for the third offense. These penalties are considered minimal. Penalties beyond minimum are subject to the coach's discretion.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for each school activity. These regulations shall include, but not be limited to, when physical examination will be required, how and when parents will be informed about the risk of the activity, academic requirements, and proof of insurance on the student participating in certain activities. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683; 1685-1686 (1988).  
34 C.F.R. Pt. 106.41 (1993).  
Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.13-.14  
281 I.A.C. 12.6.

Cross Reference: 501 Student Attendance  
502 Student Rights and Responsibilities  
503 Student Discipline  
504 Student Activities  
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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