

**CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS**

The co-curricular program is considered a part of the school curriculum, educational in purpose and conduct. It affords opportunities for wholesome school-community relations under constructive conditions. The purposes of co-curricular activities include:

- Meeting the urge for competition and participation, which are basic American traditions;
- Promoting the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of each participant, with emphasis on the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play;
- Encouraging leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the participants; and
- Providing opportunities for developing positive school morale, being good hosts to visiting schools and exercising the qualities of fair play and courtesy.

School authorities shall inform the community regarding the purposes of the co-curricular program. The community should recognize that a co-curricular event is an integral part of the school program. If such activities cease to possess educational value, these should cease to be school functions.

Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege that carries responsibility. Participation in co-curricular activities shall be governed by the established co-curricular handbook that shall include eligibility and conduct rules and disciplinary measures for violations of such rules.

Co-curricular activities shall be planned to provide for as much student participation as possible. The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school students in co-curricular and recreational programs and activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allow.

The District shall not discriminate in admission to any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from placing a student in a program or activity based on objective standards of individual 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 complaint procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
120.12(23)  
120.13(1)  
PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 377. Interscholastic Athletics  
377.1, Attendance at State Tournaments  
411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures  
Co-Curricular Handbook

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