

**Title: Extracurricular Activities (Including Athletics)**

Extracurricular activities are recognized as an integral part of the educational program. Such activities provide opportunities for the healthy development of the whole child, including by providing experience in daily human relations and opportunities for the development of interpersonal and other skills that cannot readily be replicated in other educational settings. 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 as extensions of the curriculum or to provide supplemental experiences for students that enhance student learning and/or that provide opportunities for emotional, mental, social, and physical growth and development. This includes the goal of providing many students with opportunities to develop their personal interests, attitudes, and skills for future years.
2. Teach, emphasize, and enforce sportsmanship as a fundamental aspect of character development in all activities that have a competitive component.
3. Be approved by the Board of Education 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.
4. Have an adult advisor/supervisor/coach appointed by the District Administrator or his/her designee. [Such appointments may, but are not required to be, approved by the Board.]
5. Be funded in a manner that is consistent with applicable District policies and procedures. [Any District-established general participation fees that are intended to offset District costs and to facilitate the offering of an activity shall be approved by the Board.]
6. Be scheduled in such a way so as to minimize infringement upon the regular school day and the daily schedule of classes. Any extracurricular activity or event scheduled during the regular school day must have approval of the school principal or his/her administrative-level designee.

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 District rules and regulations shall be consistent with any rules of eligibility and conduct required by state-level or other associations with 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.

The St. Croix Central School District shall be a member of the WIAA at the high school level.

The Board encourages the full participation of middle school (5-8) students in available extracurricular [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 principal and their designees in the District's 5-8 building are responsible for informing students and parents and guardians of the extracurricular [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, including but not limited to 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, to the extent permitted by law, separate programs and facilities in interscholastic athletics based on sex if such programs and facilities are sufficiently comparable in type, scope, opportunity, and support. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established District procedures.

LEG REF: Wisconsin Statutes Sections §118.13, §118.133, §120.12(23), §120.13(1)

Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 9.03 (1) (h)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1973, as amended; see 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq. and the implementing regulations for Title IX at 34 C.F.R. Part 106

Cross References: Discrimination Complaint Procedures; Student Athletic Code[\[1\]](#) ; Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct

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