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TITLE IX AND SCHOOL SPONSORED SPORTS

It is the policy of the Chouteau-Mazie Board of Education that the superintendent shall serve as Title IX coordinator for this school district. The superintendent shall direct the implementation of regulations as they pertain to the equitable scheduling of athletic practice and game times. In accordance with the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA) recommended time limits per period:

Each individual school shall develop starting times for the regular season that reflects these time limitations. A rotation method will allow boys' and girls' teams to alternate time slots for all practice sessions and events.

Starting times for basketball, baseball, softball, football, soccer, tennis, golf, and any other athletic event sponsored by the school shall be scheduled for both boys' and girls' teams on a rotating basis.

Practice times will be scheduled on a rotating basis between boys' and girls' teams. Practice facilities will be made available to boys' and girls' teams on a rotating basis.

In order to maintain student schedules, a yearly schedule may be maintained with rotation changes in each new year.

These schedules must be submitted to the superintendent prior to conference scheduling and must comply with all requirements for practice and scheduling of athletic events listed in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Congress enacted Title IX of the Education Amendments in 1972. This Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity when the School District is a recipient of federal financial assistance, regardless of whether federal funds are received in connection with athletics. The District is committed to the prevention and avoidance of gender discrimination in connection with school sponsored extracurricular activities, including school sponsored sports. To ensure compliance by the District's athletic program with the mandates of Title IX the board requires:

- Annual notification to all staff members regarding the District's commitment to non-discrimination to all of its programs and activities, including school sponsored sports;
- Publication of the grievance procedure applicable to complaints of discrimination in the student handbook and on the school's website with identification of the District's Title IX Coordinator, to enable parents or students to notify the board administration of any instances of perceived discrimination in the district's programs or activities, including sports;
- The conduct of a student interest survey no less than every three (3) years to ensure the sports offered by the District are responsive to student interest;
- Annual review of the District's sports-related facilities to ensure that the district does not discriminate on the basis of gender in the planning, construction or assignment of facilities for practice or competition;

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- Annual training of all administrative and athletic staff (and other staff as appropriate) regarding their respective responsibilities for providing programs free of discrimination and reporting perceived discrimination;
- Overseeing expenditures for school sponsored sports to ensure that monies spent neither discriminate nor perpetuate past discrimination with respect to coaches salaries, equipment, supplies, facilities or in other areas in which expenditures are made; and,
- Non-discriminatory treatment of athletes in all areas of participation in the District's sports program including, but not limited to: travel, uniforms, use of facilities, scheduling of games, equipment, supplies, spirit support, and coaching assignments.

**REFERENCE: Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681, et seq.
U. S. Const. Am. XIV, §1 (1868), 42 U.S.C. §1983**