

510L SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees and the community the school district's policy related to the student activity program.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

School activities provide additional opportunities for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental and emotional well being. They are of secondary importance in relationship to the formal instructional program; however, they complement the instructional program in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students who participate in school sponsored activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to school activities.
- B. The school board expects all spectators at school sponsored activities, including parents, employees, and other members of the public, to behave in an appropriate manner at those activities. Students and employees may be subject to discipline and parents and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the *activities director* to disseminate information needed to inform students, parents, staff and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and the rules of participation.
- D. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. It shall be the responsibility of those employees who conduct MSHSL activities to familiarize students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.
- E. *The Activities Director shall be responsible for conducting an annual evaluation of school activity programs and presenting the results and any recommendations to the school board.*

IV. SCHOOL ACTIVITY SCHEDULING (Wednesday/Sunday/etc.)

A. Limitation of Interschool Activities During School Hours

Whenever possible, all interschool activities shall be scheduled after school hours.

B. Family Time: Sundays/Wednesdays/etc.

Wednesday night, twelve months a year, has been designated as family night. No local school activities are scheduled on this night after 5:30 p.m. No K-6 activities are to be scheduled after school is dismissed.

Also, no events or activities are to be scheduled on December 23, 24, 25, 31, January 1, Maunday Thursday (after 6:30 p.m.), and Good Friday.

Sundays are family days with no practice or events scheduled excluding optional Community Education open gyms.

The Community Education Department may schedule Community Education "open group" for appropriate age groups.

On days the school is closed early due to weather related reasons, no after school, or evening, student or Community Education activities will be held.

C. Priorities for Scheduled Contests or Meets

State, Sectional, District, and Sub-Sectional High School League activities will have priority, in that order, over any other scheduled contests or meets, and the students are to follow this procedure.

Priority for competition of school activities below sub-sectional level will be decided on a first come basis; that is, the activity that first becomes part of the school calendar shall have precedence.

D. Exceptions From This Policy

Exceptions must be in writing and submitted to the building principal followed by the superintendent. Annually, the October Wednesday before the fall break is conference game night.

This policy relates to students, not staff, or adult activities.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 6, District Education Program