Code No. 504.6

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 interscholastic 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.

With permission from a parent or guardian, an eighth-grade student may participate in interscholastic athletic contests or competitions at the high school level. Any eighth-grade student participating in high school athletics must meet the annual athletic physical examination requirements applicable to all student athletes. With permission from a parent or guardian, an eight grade student may also participate in speech contests through the Iowa High School Speech Association. The superintendent, in collaboration with the activity director, will develop administrative regulations and procedures necessary to administer this policy

During the winter sports season, an eighth grade student may participate in both high school interscholastic athletic contests and competitions and in junior high athletic contrast and competitions in the same sport.

Student activity events must be approved by the superintendent, or designee, unless it involves unusual travel expenses, 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.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for each school activity. These regulations shall include, but not be limited to, when physical examinations 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.
34 C.F.R. Pt. 106.41.
Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.13-.14.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6), 12.6., 36.8

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