

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES POLICY**

The MSAD #56 Board of Directors believes that co-curricular activities make a significant contribution to the District's Vision and that student participation may generate opportunities for overall student development not otherwise gained from academics alone. To that end, the Board commits itself to the support of a wide range of activities at all levels given the extent of available resources and encourages participation by as many students as possible. Any co-curricular activity sponsored by the District for participation of its students must be approved by the Board.

Co-curricular activities, wherever they occur, are considered an extension of the District and its schools. Students participating in co-curricular activities must adhere to any applicable requirements of the supervisory staff, school regulations, District policies, and guidelines established through school/District memberships in associations of various types. Monitoring of student compliance with these guidelines will be the responsibility of approved staff supervisors.

The co-curricular activities sponsored by MSAD #56 are varied in terms of time frame, organization, and governance. They are defined as follows:

**Co-Curricular Activity:** any activity that has its purpose to provide educational experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum.

**Interscholastic Activity:** any activity that involves students in competition between or among schools

**Intramural Activity:** any activity that involves competition among students within the District

**Club/Organization:** any activity with or without external affiliation created to provide an environment for social interaction, common interest or leadership opportunities

No co-curricular student activity shall be scheduled on Sundays, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Memorial Day. If activities are scheduled on any other holidays or a family's religious observances, no student shall be penalized for not participating in those scheduled activities. The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to determine the appropriateness of events scheduled for all other potential special situations.

**CROSS REF.:**

JJIC Interscholastic Athletic Activities Eligibility

JJI-E Participant's Contract

JJIB Interscholastic Athletic Philosophy

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