

6150 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

1. Controls

The School Board considers interscholastic activities an integral part of the total school program and shall endeavor to maintain competitive activities which promote a high standard of educational values. Interscholastic programs for the senior high schools shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Minnesota State High School League and Independent School District 709 rules. All coaches designated as head coaches, with responsibility of interscholastic athletic programs, shall hold appropriate licensure.

2. Athletics

It is the purpose of interscholastic athletics to provide the benefits of competitive experience to as many students as possible. On the elementary level, competition is encouraged. On the middle school level, a strong intramural program and a limited amount of interscholastic competition are encouraged. In the high school level, an interscholastic program is endorsed, but a strong intramural program is also encouraged. Students must have a physical examination before participation in middle or senior high school interscholastic athletics.

3. Fine Arts

Student participation in the following fine arts activities shall be encouraged: drama, speech, debate, vocal music, instrumental music.

4. Reinstatement of Discontinued Programs

The School Board may, from time to time, deem it necessary to take official action to discontinue one or more of the interscholastic co-curricular programs for an indefinite period of time due to financial restrictions or for other reasons, such as reducing enrollment at a particular building. The School Board, in taking such action, does not rule out community/organization financial support for reinstatement of such co-curricular programs. In order to maintain equity in program offerings throughout the School District, all schools must have an opportunity to conduct any program that is reinstated through external financial support.

Funding for reinstatement of any program must provide total support and all monies shall be paid to the School District prior to expenses being incurred.

Activity fees shall be established by the School Board for any reinstated programs and such fees, collected from participants, shall be used exclusively to reduce overall cost of providing a specific reinstated program. Participation fees to reinstated activities will not exceed the activity fees established for participation in School District sponsored programs. All reinstated programs shall be organized, managed, and administered by School District personnel.

References: MSHSL Handbook

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