

## **510 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. No student organizations shall exist which are not approved by the school board. The superintendent, or designee, shall determine qualifications and regulations relating to student organizations.

### **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. The superintendent, or designee, shall be responsible for disseminating 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. Those employees who conduct MSHSL activities shall be responsible for familiarizing students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.

- E. The superintendent, or designee, shall be responsible for conducting periodical evaluations of school activity programs and organizations. The results and any recommendations may be presented to the school board.
- F. The school board will ensure that any funds raised for extracurricular activities will be spent only on extracurricular activities.

#### **IV. NON OWATONNA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

- A. For purposes of participation in State High School League extracurricular activities the Area Learning Center is considered an extension of Owatonna High School.
- B. Participation in Owatonna Public School activity programs is limited to students who either attend Owatonna Public Schools, or are considered an acceptable exception as per the Minnesota State High School League's policies, rules and regulations.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)

***Cross References:*** Policy 503 (Student Attendance)  
Policy 506 (Student Discipline)