

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 750
COLD SPRING, MINNESOTA

ADDING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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I. PURPOSE

The School Board is committed to providing K-12 students with a variety of extra-curricular activities in arts, academic, and athletic areas throughout the school system within the fiscal limitations of the district's budget.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the school district's desire to adequately staff the activities sponsored to provide a quality program and experience for students. It is the sole responsibility of the School Board to make the final decision regarding the addition of any extra-curricular activities.

Many of the extra-curricular activities supported by the school district fall under the auspices of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). Activities of this nature will follow the rules and jurisdiction of MSHSL.

The school district recognizes there are organizations or clubs that may exist which do not fall under the guidance of the Minnesota State High School League. These are activities, group, clubs, intramural sports, or organizations that are still of interest to staff or students but do not follow a season or schedule determined by the MSHSL. Many of these organizations are local in nature but may also have regional, state or national affiliation.

Examples of such groups would be an arts club, the National Honor Society, Math League, Knowledge Bowl teams, environmental club, chess club, the yearbook staff, or many other similar organizations. Some of these activities may be organized locally; others may follow the rules or direction of some other governing agency.

III. DEFINITIONS

"Club" status is defined as a group of students organized to participate in a particular arts, academic, or athletic activity not budgeted or financially supported by the school district. Clubs are typically organized by interested parents, staff members, or through community education. The activity, however, has generated or sustained adequate interest to encourage maintaining the program on an ongoing basis. The ongoing support would involve moving the program into formal participation under the rules of the MSHSL.

III. GUIDELINES

Except as outlined in the section of this policy titled “School Board Discretion,” no new activity will be added in the school district unless the following conditions have been met.

A. Activity Club:

Prior to the implementation of an activity governed under the rules of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), the ROCORI School District expects a program to be established and operate under a “club” status.

Any new activity under consideration will have operated under "club" status for at least two years. Any previously eliminated activity may be reinstated without “club” status by providing the information from step one.

B. Other Activities:

Such organizations operating within the ROCORI School District are also expected to seek and secure School Board authorization in order to be classified as district extra-curricular activities. Any new organization, group or club seeking school district endorsement, resources, staffing or funding is expected to complete the appropriate application form. The School Board decision to authorize any group or organization will be based on the information submitted through the application process.

C. Application for District Sponsorship:

Requests for consideration of a proposed new activity shall be submitted in writing and discussed with the Activities Director(s), the appropriate building principal(s), and/or other appropriate district administrator(s). Such requests for activity program implementation must address the following (included on the district application form—link to form):

1. A detailed description of the activity being proposed.
2. The financial or budget and Title IX implications of implementing the program.
3. The potential impact on other activities.
4. Projected timelines for implementation of the new activity.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

A. Administrative Review:

Any activity proposed for addition or reinstatement as a ROCORI-sponsored activity should be reviewed by the administrative team. Administrators should be provided with updated information from the application form or similar information. The administrative team should be given opportunity for input.

B. Title IX

It is the intent of the School Board to remain in compliance with Title IX gender equity when addressing the addition of activities.

C. School Board Discretion

The sole responsibility and ultimate authority for addition, staffing, or elimination of any extra-curricular activity rests with the School Board. The School Board retains the right to add activities which do not comply with the above criteria, such as (but not limited to) addressing issues of compliance with state or federal laws, when necessary to meet Central Lakes Conference expectations, or when adding an innovative program that the School Board wishes to encourage.