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It is our philosophy that participation in co-curricular activities is an integral and vital part of the total educational program.

The clubs, activities, and athletics provided by School District No. 6 shall afford opportunities for students to involve themselves outside the classroom. Besides providing these programs, the District encourages student involvement because it benefits both the individual student and the school. The student derives cooperation, dedication, personal pride and ownership, sense of purpose, enhanced self-worth, loyalty, success and recognition, physical and social development, and a wholesome use of time.

Student interest leads to pride in school, citizenship, leadership, democratic experience, and character development. Teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect for others' rights and views are advanced.

Therefore, we believe it is the responsibility of the District to identify and maintain a mix of activities that motivates an optimum number of students without encroaching on one another. It is further incumbent upon the District to encourage participation by students for the above-mentioned reasons and their synergistic effect on the school community.

Finally, we believe that these activities are not an end in themselves, but vehicles to work with students. We want to "win" not for "winning's sake," but because the desire to excel is a worthwhile lifetime goal. We do not subscribe to a "winning at all costs" philosophy. We value the importance of good sportsmanship, giving one's best effort, winning humbly, and losing with grace. We believe it is not the score that makes one a "winner" or a "loser".

Attendance the Day of an Activity

School Absences: Absences from school and participation in practices, games, meets or performances.

- If you are absent from school for a **school sponsored event** you **can** practice, play in a game, or take part in a performance that day.
- If you are absent from school for a limited number of periods for a **medical, dental, optometrist, etc.** appointment you **can** participate with approval from the administration (principal, vice principal, or the activities director). **A written excuse from the doctor is required.**
- You **may** attend practice, play in games, or participate in performances with **administrative approval** if absent for a *court appearance, bereavement, a family emergency, or some other reason deemed acceptable by the administration.*
- If you are home sick and do not come to school for **all or part** of the day or are absent from any class (**excused or unexcused**) you **cannot** practice, play, or participate in performances. It is not in the best interest of our participants to be practicing when sick.
- If you are in school but are **absent from class for reasons deemed unexcused**, you may **not** participate in games, practices, or performances that day.