

## **510.1 CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to address student participation in School District extracurricular and co-curricular programs.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. All students interested in participating in extracurricular and co-curricular programs will be given the opportunity. Each participant will go through a try-out or evaluation phase at the beginning of each season. This will allow the coaches to determine where different individual participants will fit onto teams available for competition. The varsity team will carry no more than the Minnesota State High School League roster limit and will be based on the coaching staff's discretionary size limit for maximum team improvement and efficiency. Junior varsity will be of similar size. All remaining participants will play on the "C" team. If the number of participants on the "C" team becomes too large for one coach, another coach or a division of teams will be considered. Teams will be determined by the individual participants' skill level, not limited to participants according to grade level. The skills that will be evaluated include basic fundamental skills, team skills and participant attitude. This policy is to allow participants an opportunity to participate at their appropriate level.
- B. Academic Eligibility refers to academic standards that students must uphold to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. These activities are in the areas of fine arts, athletics and academic extensions.
- C. Student eligibility is based on academic progress as well as a commitment of the participants to follow the Minnesota State High School League rules.
1. Any student receiving one or more failing grades at mid-quarter or quarter break is ineligible for a minimum of two weeks. Eligibility warnings will be given to the student by the Activities Director.
  2. After two weeks, students turn in eligibility slips every week until the next set of grades come out. Eligibility slips are due by 12:00 p.m. the last day of the academic week in order to be able to compete the following week.
  3. Students who turn in slips with passing grades from all teachers are allowed to play the next week.
  4. Students who are still failing continue to be ineligible. Students who do not get the slips in on time are also ineligible.

5. Special circumstances may dictate waiving the academic eligibility requirement. (ex. IEP, Summer School, Grade Contracts). A hearing may be requested and will be handled by a committee composed of an administrator, activities director, coach, and a teacher representative.

D. The only exception to the above stated policy is in the fall when school starts again. Under MSHSL rules, fall athletes (Football 9-12, Volleyball 9-12, Cross Country 7-12) begin practice approximately three weeks before school starts, Students who are academically ineligible from the spring have no chance to improve their grades until school starts, so the following procedures will be followed.

1. Cross Country – Two (2) meets or two (2) weeks, whichever is longer;
2. Football – One (1) scrimmage and one (1) game at the beginning of the season;
3. Volleyball – Two (2) games or two (2) weeks, whichever is longer.

\*Note – Cross Country and Volleyball may have MSHSL sanctioned competitions at the end of the first 2 weeks of practice. Football may have MSHSL sanctioned games after the third week of practice.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 123B.38 (Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities)

***Cross References:*** ISD #881 Policy 503 (Student Attendance)  
ISD #881 Policy 506 (Student Discipline)  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 6, District Education Program  
Maple Lake High School Activities Handbook