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## **538 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (MSHSL) COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS**

### **I. PURPOSE OF POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for consideration of MSHSL cooperative sponsorships with other public or private schools.

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

Participation in Mankato Area Public Schools activity programs is limited to students who attend Mankato Area Public Schools. When a lack of student participation may not support all levels of competition or cause discontinuance of an activity, exceptions to this policy may be considered through an MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

Any request for the participation of a nonpublic school student, a public school student from another school district or a student from a charter school (regular or online) in a district activity must be made in writing by the chief administrator of the student's home school. This request should be sent to the Superintendent of Schools or the high school activity director. School Board members will be made aware of the request. The Superintendent of Schools will act on the request and notify the requesting school and the Mankato Area Public School Board of the decision.

Final approval for participation in a cooperative sponsorship must be granted by the Big Nine Conference, the assigned section, and the Minnesota State High School League.

Each approved request will be reevaluated annually, after the first two years of the agreement.

### **IV. HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS**

For purposes of participation in Minnesota State High School League co-curricular activities, a home school student in the Mankato Area Public Schools attendance area is considered an

extension of East or West High School.

Home School students who choose to participate in a Minnesota State High School League extracurricular activity are bound by the rules of the League and the high school at which they participate.

The residence of the student will determine the high school at which the student can participate.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. §123B.49 (Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities)  
Minn. Stat. §124D.095 (Online Learning Option)

***Cross References:*** District 77 Policy 539 (Eligibility and Training Rules)  
Minnesota State High School League Bylaw 403.00