



FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 192	<i>ISD 192 Policy 1008</i> <i>Orig. 2006</i> <i>Reviewed: 06-2023</i> <i>Adopted: 1-2014</i>
POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

ISD 192 SPECIFIC POLICIES

1008 ADDITION/DELETION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the addition and deletion of interscholastic athletic programs.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Farmington Public School District recognizes the value and importance of athletic programs as an extension of a good educational program. Participation in athletic programs is a valuable part of the overall school experience and contributes to the mental and physical wellbeing of our students.

The District recognizes that student interest in interscholastic athletic participation changes over time and that offerings available to students must change in response. In addition, the District supports the goal of gender equity in athletic participation. Therefore, the Superintendent charges the District Athletic Director with the development and implementation of a process to regularly survey student interest regarding interscholastic athletic offerings.

III. CRITERIA

Interscholastic athletic programs may be considered for addition and/or deletion based on the following criteria:

- A. There is a substantial interest and ability to sustain a viable program, as determined by the District.
- B. Following Title IX guidelines, it will substantially address and not create an imbalance in participation rates by males and females.
- C. It is an interscholastic athletic program that is sponsored as a conference activity or there is reasonable expectation that it soon will be.

- D. It is an interscholastic athletic program that is sponsored as a MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) activity or there is reasonable expectation that it soon will be.
- E. There is availability of appropriate facilities as determined by the School District.
- F. There is availability of qualified coaches as determined by the School District.
- G. Resources are available to implement and sustain the cost of the athletic program as determined by the School District.

IV. PROCESS

A. Survey:

1. Middle school and high school students will be surveyed at least every other year to determine interest in interscholastic athletic offerings. The information collected through student surveys will be used to identify potential additions or deletions of interscholastic offerings.
2. Students also may initiate consideration of interscholastic program changes through petitions directed to the District Athletic Director demonstrating substantial student interest in a particular athletic activity.

B. Recommendation:

The District Athletic Director, in light of the above criteria, will initially review potential interscholastic program changes. The District Athletic Director is responsible for forwarding the requests to the Superintendent with a recommendation. The Superintendent, in turn, will review the request and forward it with a recommendation and supporting data to the School Board for action.