

Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

Policy F10

F10: STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Policy

It is the policy of the member school districts of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Town School District, Harwood Union High School District, Moretown Town School District, Waitsfield Town School District, Warren Town School District and the Waterbury-Duxbury Union School District to maintain a student activity and interscholastic athletic program appropriate to the maturity of students, and as varied as staff and facilities permit, in order to complement and supplement their educational programs. The program will be designed to offer for the greatest number of students worthwhile leisure time interests, wholesome recreational and social activity, age-appropriate interscholastic sports, and opportunities to develop skills in democratic and cooperative management for these activities.

Implementation

Participation in a student activity program or interscholastic sport is a privilege, not a right. Students earn this privilege by being in regular attendance at school, being a good citizen in school and during their chosen activities, and by demonstrating that they are responsible for their academic progress. Criteria determining eligibility for participation in school sponsored student activities or interscholastic sports will be established in procedures. These procedures shall also ensure timely access to attendance and disciplinary information to administer this policy, address the full range of issues related to absenteeism, and provide the forms that may be required to demonstrate academic recovery for continued participation.

The Principal may approve new requests for student activity sponsorship, or individual activities to be added to an interscholastic sports program, based on the following considerations. The Board will be consulted when there are significant financial costs involved. The Board will be informed in advance of the elimination of an individual activity from the interscholastic sports program.

1. The level of student interest in the activity;
2. The fiscal ramifications of sponsorship;
3. The availability of qualified personnel to supervise the activity;
4. The impact of adding or eliminating the activity on the balance of types of activities available in the total activity program;
5. The potential of the activity to help participating students meet the goals of the school's curriculum;
6. The recommendation of the Superintendent.

Athletic programs should also meet the following criteria:

1. Programs should provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. Programs should provide athletic facilities and opportunities for participation on an equal basis for girls and boys.
3. Programs should employ qualified personnel in coaching and supervision positions.
4. Programs should stress the educational as well as recreational benefits derived from participation in interscholastic sports.

5. Programs should conform fully with the rules and regulations of the Vermont Principals' Association.

All school sponsored activities will be under the ultimate control of the School District and will comply with all policies and procedures of the school.

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