

510 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees and the community the school district's policy related to the student activity program.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

School activities provide additional opportunities for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental and emotional well-being. They are of secondary importance in relationship to the formal instructional program; however, they complement the instructional program in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students who participate in school sponsored activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to school activities.
- B. The school board expects all spectators at school-sponsored activities, including parents, employees, and other members of the public, to behave in an appropriate manner at those activities. Students and employees may be subject to discipline and parents and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to disseminate information needed to inform students, parents, staff and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and the rules of participation.
- D. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities will also abide by the league rules. It shall be the responsibility of those employees who conduct MSHSL activities to familiarize students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties and opportunities.
- E. The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for conducting an annual evaluation of school activity programs and presenting the results and any recommendations to the school board.

- F. The school board will ensure that any funds raised for extracurricular activities will be spent only on extracurricular activities.
- F. To allow for an expression of differences that may occur with the district's activities, the following process should be followed:
1. No conflict between a parent, student, official, or coach (director) should be addressed during or immediately following a contest or production. The contest site, practice area, lobby, or locker room is not an appropriate place to handle questions and conflict. Coaches (directors) are not to meet or deal with questions or conflicts at these times or in these places.
 2. Crookston Public Schools welcome parents to contact coaches (directors) by calling them at school during school hours. Parents should not contact coaches (directors) at home, except in the cases of emergency (e.g. athletic injury or unexpected absences from scheduled events).
 3. Any discussion regarding playing time decisions or performance opportunities with any coach, advisor, or administrator by anyone other than the student involved, is not allowed. Students only, are encouraged to discuss playing time/performance opportunities with their coach or advisor.
 4. Our objective for junior high athletes (7th and 8th grades) is to provide equal playing time. Parents of junior high athletes may review concerns with coaches regarding the allocation of playing time by contacting the coaches during school hours. For all levels above junior high, coaches shall have the sole discretions to determine playing times. Coaches, participants, and parents at these levels are expected to agree that the primary values of participation are in learning skills and teamwork. The amount of time played in games is not the sole measurement of participant's value to the team.
 5. Practices are closed to non-staff personnel 15 minutes after the start of practice until 15 minutes before the end of practice.
 6. If a parent/guardian or student has a concern, a meeting should be established following the procedures outlined below. Parent/guardian cooperation is expected and appreciated.
 7. Steps for Conflict Resolution:
 - a. Step 1 – Parent Concerns
A meeting involving the coach (director) can be requested by the parent directly by calling the coach (director), or the Activities Director may be utilized as a point of contact for activities and requested to set up the meeting. If so desired, the Activities Director may also facilitate the meeting.

- b. Step 2 – Concerns
If a resolution is not achieved and a parent and/or student desires further intervention or discussion of the issue, a meeting with the Activities Director and Principal may be held to handle an Activities issue.
- c. Step 3 – Concerns
If the conflict still has not been resolved, it may be referred to the superintendent and, if he/she so chooses, to the School Board.

IV. WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATION OF ACTIVITIES

- A. If school is dismissed early because of impending weather there will be no games and no practices. In the event that the School District has decided there will be no practice, players should NOT organize or participate in captains' practices regardless of venue.
- B. If there is a late start and school completes the day games and practices will go ahead as scheduled.
- C. When school has been canceled and an improvement in weather and travel conditions is expected, the district reserves the right to:
 - a. Have practices at suitable times
 - b. Have contests with opponent schools, where satisfactory travel conditions occur between the two communities. Events will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. This might mean that some events would be held and others may not. Clearly, this would also depend on agreement and cooperation by the opponent school.
- D. The best decision will be made on each event and communicated in a timely fashion to patrons via local media outlets.
- E. Please note that decisions on sections are made by the section/region, not by the individual schools.
- G. In the event that school cancellations are non-weather related, such as burst pipes, power cuts, etc. the decision will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 713 (Student Activity Accounting)