

# Unity School District - Board of Education

## Board Policy 370

### Activity Programs **Extracurricular Activities (including Athletics)**

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An activities program shall be offered to students in Unity School District.

Activities are an important part of the total educational program. It is the desire of the Unity School District to generate a program of activities that will provide opportunities for the youth of this community to develop the proper ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork, ethical conduct, and fair play. Participation in this school program is a privilege for which every student should be willing to meet the challenges deemed necessary to fulfill these ideals.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

1. ~~**Sportsmanship**—to demonstrate excellent sportsmanship in all facets of the activity by participants and coaches.~~
2. ~~**Teamwork**—to teach, develop and demonstrate teamwork.~~
3. ~~**Skill Development**—to teach, develop and improve the skills required by the activity.~~
4. ~~**Winning**—winning events is a goal *not* to be placed above sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill development.~~

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The participant's greatest responsibility is to represent him/herself, his/her parent(s), school and community in a positive manner. Therefore, it is required that all involved in the activity:

1. ~~Display positive standards of social behavior.~~
2. ~~Display good sportsmanship.~~
3. ~~Display proper respect for those in authority, including administration, teachers, coaches, officials and other personnel.~~
4. ~~Display a spirit of cooperation.~~
5. ~~Meet scholastic eligibility criteria.~~
6. ~~Dress appropriately when representing the school.~~
7. ~~Use language which is socially acceptable.~~
8. ~~Participation in activities shall be in accordance with established school and activity rules along with any other rules set forth by the Board of Education, administration, coaches/advisors and WIAA.~~
9. ~~All athletes must have a signed physical examination/permit card on file with the athletic director.~~

- ~~10. All students are insured during activity participation per Student Insurance policy.~~
- ~~11. All injuries must be reported to the supervising advisor/coach immediately.~~
- ~~12. In the event of an injury which requires medical attention, the student will be taken to the nearest available facility.~~
- ~~13. Students are financially responsible for loss or negligent damage to equipment.~~
- ~~14. Students must complete their respective season in good standing to be eligible for awards/letters.~~

~~Students participating in activities shall be governed by an Activity Code of Conduct approved by the Board of Education. Before any student may participate in any activity, the student shall be provided with a copy of the Activity Code and shall have a signed statement of acceptance of the requirements of the code.~~

~~The building principal shall be responsible for the regular supervision of activities and personnel. The athletic director shall evaluate the athletic programs and personnel.~~

~~The Unity School District shall not discriminate in admission to any program, or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established district procedures.~~

~~Legal Ref: Section 118.13 WI Stats.  
Section 120.13 (1) WI Stats.  
PI 9.03 (1) (h) of the WI Admin. Code~~

~~Cross Ref: Discrimination Complaint Procedures  
Student Activity Code~~

Extracurricular activities are recognized as an integral part of the educational program. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in such activities, while giving their academic work the priority it deserves.

All extracurricular activities sponsored by the District, including organized interscholastic and intra-District athletics and fitness opportunities, shall:

1. Be designed to be an extension of the curriculum or provide experiences for students that enhance student learning and/or personal, social, and physical growth and development.
2. Be approved by the School Board when the activity involves a new or substantially modified funding and/or staffing obligation, or by the District Administrator or building principal when the activity does not involve such additional budgetary or staffing obligations.
3. Have an adult advisor/supervisor appointed by the District Administrator or his/her designee.
4. Be funded in a manner that is consistent with applicable District policies and procedures.
5. Be scheduled in such a way so as to minimize infringement upon the regular school day and the daily schedule of classes. Any activity or event scheduled during the school day must have approval of the

building principal.

Students shall be expected to abide by all rules and regulations established for participation in District-sponsored extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics. Where applicable, these rules and regulations shall be consistent with any rules of eligibility and conduct required by state or other associations to which the activities are affiliated (for example, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) for interscholastic activities offered in the District). Students who violate such rules and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or other action.

The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school (K-8) students in available co-curricular and recreational programs and activities that are offered by and through the District. For purposes of this Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equitable participation opportunities (1) in a manner consistent with applicable nondiscrimination requirements, and (2) to the extent that the budget, facilities, or type of activity allows. The building principals and their designees in the District's K-8 buildings are responsible for informing students and parents and guardians of the co-curricular and recreational activities that are available at the relevant grade levels and for implementing registration and scheduling processes in a manner that gives due regard for the goal of full participation.

The District shall not unlawfully discriminate in admission to or participation in any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of the person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, any physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally-protected status or classification. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from placing a student in a program or activity based on standards of individual performance, or from providing separate programs and facilities in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs and facilities are sufficiently comparable in type, scope, and support from the District. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established District procedures.