

Board Policy

Code No. 504.6

STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for their lifetime.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a school activity unless the activity is not offered, or the student cannot participate for disciplinary reasons. If the activity is an intramural or interscholastic athletic activity, students of the opposite sex will have a comparable opportunity for participation. Comparable opportunity does not guarantee boys and girls will be allowed to play on each other's teams when there are athletic activities available that will allow both boys and girls to reap the benefits of school activities.

Student activity events must be approved by the activities director unless it involves unusual travel expense, in which case the Board will take action. Disruptions of the education program or other school district operations shall be held to a minimum. A high school student who participates in a school-sponsored sport may participate in the same non-school sponsored sport during the same season with approval of the head coach and the activities director. Such outside participation should not conflict with a school sponsored athletic contest or practice.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and/or designee to develop guidelines for each school activity. These guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, when physical examinations will be required, how and when parents will be informed about the risk of the activity, academic requirements, and proof of insurance on the student participating in certain activities. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity.

Legal Reference: [20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683; 1685-1686.](#)

[34 C.F.R. Pt. 106.41.](#)

[Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.13-.14.](#)

[281 I.A.C. 12.3\(6\), 12.6, 36.15\(7\).](#)

<i>Cross Reference:</i>	501	<i>Student Attendance</i>
	502	<i>Student Rights and Responsibilities</i>
	503	<i>Student Discipline</i>
	504	<i>Student Activities</i>
	507	<i>Student Health and Well-Being</i>

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