

Policy

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Board of Education recognizes the value to the District and to the community of a program of interscholastic athletics for as many students as feasible and in accordance with Policy #2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity. The Board believes that it is the purpose of an interscholastic program to provide the benefits of an athletic experience to as large a number of students as feasible within the District.

The program should foster the growth of school loyalty with the student body as a whole and stimulate community interest in athletics.

Game activities and practice sessions should provide many opportunities to teach the values of competition and good sportsmanship.

Since the primary purpose of the athletic program is to enhance the education of participating students as indicated in this policy, the Board places top priority on maximum student participation and the values of good sportsmanship, team play, and fair competition, rather than on winning, particularly at subOvarsity levels. The District Administrator is to develop guidelines for coaches to follow which will ensure that as many students as possible have the opportunity to play so they have the opportunity to benefit from the learning experience.

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board. (Changes with WIAA will be presented to the Board by Activities Director and/or Principal)

The Board does not recognize any mascot that is based upon a Native American cultural group. All school sanctioned references to such teams will include only the high school name and not the mascot.

The Board recognizes that teams should be supported at State Competitions. All high school activities authorized by the Principal and Activities Director to attend State athletic tournament competition will be reimbursed their expenses for tickets, reasonable lodging expense (if lodging is required), transportation and meals per a prior approved meal rate schedule. Adult chaperones are required for all events and related activities.

120.12(23), Wis. Stats.

P.I. 9.03(1)(h), Wis. Adm. Code

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