

## 370 CO-CURRICULAR AND INTERSCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS

Student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skill. The greatest values to be derived from co-curricular school activities occur when such activities are a result of student, staff, and community involvement. The Board shall encourage and support co-curricular activities and programs that promote these objectives.

Students participating in co-curricular activities, including interscholastic programs, of such a nature that the students are representatives of the Williams Bay School District shall be governed by a code of conduct and/or an athletic code. The code is reviewed and revised each year by the middle/high school principal and athletic director, approved by the Board and made available on the District website.

This code covers all students that choose to participate in any co-curricular activity. Notification of the code shall be published in student handbooks and other materials given to students at the start of each school year.

The opportunity to take part in school activities shall be made available to as many students as possible. The District shall not discriminate in admission to any program or activity, standards, and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions, or facilities usage based on sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from placing a student in an activity based on objective standards of performance, from providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope, and support from the District, or from providing a separate toilet, locker, and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be handled following established procedures.

School clubs and activities will be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized by the school, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school, have a democratic plan for the selection of members, establish aims which are educational, of school or community interest and meet all those conditions set forth for recognized school-sponsored organizations.

The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school students in extracurricular and recreational programs and activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facility, or type of activity allows.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes 118.13 (Pupil Discrimination Prohibited), 120.12(23)  
120.13(1) (School Board Powers; School Government Rules), Wisconsin  
Administrative Code PI 9

CROSS-REFERENCE: 411 – Rule (Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures),  
370 – Rule (Co-curricular Behavior Guidelines), 377 (Interscholastic  
Athletics)

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