

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719  
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**605 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES****I. PURPOSE**

The School Board regards a program of co-curricular activities as a valuable component to the district's curricular programs and advocates for the establishment, continuation, and improvement of such activities. Co-curricular activities provide additional opportunities beyond regular academic programs for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental, and emotional well-being as a student, and to their becoming well-rounded adults.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

Co-curricular activities are those school activities, which are sponsored, supervised or primarily financed by the school district, which are generally held outside the regular student day and which are not direct extensions of courses offered for graduation credit. The co-curricular program includes athletics, arts, and academic activities. This does not include community activities.

**III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The School Board believes that while co-curricular programs are vital to the school district, nonetheless they are of secondary importance to the formal instructional programs. The offering of co-curricular activities must operate within the fiscal ability of the school district.

The School Board supports a co-curricular program that allows students to participate at a competitive level and excel within the South Suburban Conference, beyond the conference with similar-sized school districts, and at any site of competition at both the individual and team level.

The School Board further supports a wide variety of co-curricular activities to meet the size and diversity of students' abilities, talents, and interests.

**Responsibility**

1. The School Board expects all students who participate in co-curricular activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to co-curricular activities.
2. The School Board expects all guests and visitors at co-curricular activities, including parents/legal guardians, 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/legal guardians and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.

3. It shall be the responsibility of administration to disseminate information needed to inform students, parents/legal guardians, staff and the community of the opportunities available within the co-curricular activity programs, the rules of participation, and this policy.
4. Student participation, including participation for students with special needs or students in special education, shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the activity, as established by Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools.
5. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. It shall be the responsibility of those employees who conduct MSHSL activities to familiarize students and parents/legal guardians with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.
6. The School Board expects district staff to ensure that co-curricular activities are coordinated with and complementary to other programs within the school district and the community.
7. A periodic review and evaluation of the co-curricular programs will be conducted using the continuous improvement process and presented to the School Board.
8. Prior Lake–Savage Area Schools complies with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, all Minnesota Statutes and federal laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, family care leave status or veteran status.. Complaints or questions regarding discrimination are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator for the district or the US Office of Civil Rights.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)  
20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)

**Cross References:** [Minnesota State High School League Bylaws](#)

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