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The Medford Area Public School District recognizes athletic programs and extra-curricular activities as a vital part of the total educational program.

The Medford Area Public School District Board of Education encourages the full participation of all 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, facilities, or type of activity allows.

The athletic program and extra-curricular activities should be designed to give students an opportunity to develop their interests, attitudes and skills for future years without interfering with their academic development. Sports competition should provide a healthful, enjoyable experience whereby the emotional, mental, social and physical development of young men and women can be fully achieved.

Sportsmanship is of prime importance. Student athletes must comply with all rules and regulations established by the WIAA and with the policies and procedures of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education.

The athletic policy section of the student handbook shall govern the conduct of students and personnel with respect to interscholastic athletics and, although not all inclusive, contain such rules and regulations as shall be needed or required.

The Medford Area Public School District shall not discriminate in student participation in athletic programs or extra-curricular activities, in standards and rules of behavior, in disciplinary actions or in facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy, however, does not prohibit separate programs in interscholastic athletics or extra-curricular activities for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the district. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures as set forth in board of education policy.

**CROSS REFERENCE: IGDA, IGDJ-R, & JB-R**

**LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.13, §120.12(23), §120.13(1), Wis. Stats., PI 9.03(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code**

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The Medford Area Public School District Board of Education encourages the full participation of all students in interscholastic athletic and extra-curricular programs.

1. For purposes of board policy “full participation” means fair and equitable participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allows.”
2. District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the board. The school administration shall set up rules for participation in and the conduct of athletic events in accordance with regulations and recommendations of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.
3. In order for a student to participate in interscholastic athletic events he or she must have the written consent of a parent or guardian and must be determined physically fit for the particular sport by a medical doctor.
4. The district shall maintain membership in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

All students within the district shall be eligible to participate in student organizations and activities.

1. Minimum requirements of eligibility may be established for organizations or activities upon approval of the district administrator.
2. All organizations and activities sponsored by the school shall provide educational opportunities for additional teaching and learning.
3. Organizations and activities must meet basic educational criteria set up by the professional and administrative staff.
4. Any organization or activity will be suspended upon recommendation of the administration that it does not meet the education objectives and philosophy of the school system.
5. The following should serve as guides to the development of student activities:
  - a. Most activities should be coordinated to the closest extent possible with the approved program of instruction.
  - b. All participation should be voluntary.
  - c. The principal should determine the emphasis which each co-curricular activity shall receive.
  - d. All activities should be supervised by a faculty advisor, with membership limited to the student body.