

## THE CO- AND EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The Evansville Community School District Board of Education encourages students to participate in the co- and extra- curricular activities program. Extra-curricular activities are defined as those activities which augment skills learned in school but do not extend from a specific course of study. Co-curricular activities are defined as those that are an extension of the classroom for the purpose of achieving excellence. The Board believes that the activities program promote social awareness, self-confidence, competitive spirit, and emotional development that are important aspects of a well-rounded education. Activities in the program are specified annually for each school in its handbook.

Activities in the program should be designed to give students an opportunity to develop their interests, attitudes and skills for future years without damaging their academic development. School clubs and societies shall be recognized as school organizations if they are authorized by the school administration, supervised by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members and hold the majority of meetings at school. All competitions should provide a healthful, enjoyable experience whereby the emotional, mental, social and physical development of our students can be fully achieved. Good citizenship and sportsmanship should always be of prime importance.

Resident students that do not meet full-time enrollment criteria in the District, in a valid home-based private educational program or a combination thereof, are not eligible to participate in District activities and organizations, except for activities that are extensions of regular classes in which they are enrolled.

Resident students enrolled full-time in a valid home-based private educational program as registered with the Wisconsin Department of Instruction are eligible to participate in District co- and extra-curricular activities. They must apply at the District Office, conform to state law, follow the same rules, and meet the same requirements on the same basis and to the same extent as full-time students.

Full-time nonresident public school open enrollment students are eligible to participate in all co- and extra- curricular student activities and organizations. Part-time nonresident open enrollment students will participate in their resident school district's activities and organizations, except for activities that are extensions of regular classes in which they are enrolled. Minimum eligibility requirements will be established for activities by the building principal with school board approval.

The following general guidelines shall be used for approving student co- and extra- curricular options:

1. All activities shall be under the direction of the building principal.
2. The activity is educationally sound, timely and worthy.

3. The activity contributes directly to the educational, civic, social, or ethical development of the students involved.
4. The total length of time of the activity and the scheduling of the activity is not so great as to impair the curricular achievement of the students involved.
5. The benefits of the activity are not obtainable within the regular school program.
6. Student athletes must comply with all rules and regulations established by the WIAA, and the District athletic code and the Board.

It shall be the responsibility of the administration to formulate at the outset of each school year as complete a master calendar of events as possible and to regularly update that calendar.

Legal Ref.: Sections 115.001 (3g) Wisconsin Statutes (Definition Home Based Private Educational Program)

118.13 (Pupil Discrimination Prohibited)

118.133 (Participation in Interscholastic Athletics and Extracurricular Activities)

118.15 (4) (Compulsory School Attendance)

118.165 (1) (Private Schools)

120.12(2)(23) (School Board Duties)

120.13(1) (School Board Powers)

120.44(2) (School Board Powers and Duties)

121.54(7) (Transportation by School Districts)

PI 9.03(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

WIAA Senior High School Handbook

Local Ref.: Policy #411 – Equal Educational Opportunities

Policy #411.1 – Student Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Policy #371 – Co- and Extra- Curricular Participation

Policy #443.1 – Student Conduct and Dress

Student Handbooks