

## Education Programs

### Addition/Deletion of Interscholastic Athletic Programs

#### I. Purpose

The school district recognizes that student interest in interscholastic athletic activities changes over time as new activities evolve. In order to meet these increases and/or decreases in student participation and interest in athletic programs, this policy defines the process and parameters for adding or deleting an interscholastic athletic activity program.

#### II. General Statement of Policy

In order to determine student interest in various activities, the secondary students will be surveyed every other year to determine interest in interscholastic activity programs. The information collected through the student surveys will be one means used to identify potential additions or deletions of interscholastic offerings. Students may also initiate changes through direct communication with the activities director and/or petitions which demonstrate substantial interest in a particular activity.

A. Potential interscholastic activity additions/deletions will be based on the following criteria:

1. There is substantial interest and ability to sustain a viable team.
2. It will address an imbalance in participation rates by males and females allowing compliance with Title IX legislation.
3. It is a conference-sponsored activity or there is reasonable expectation that it will be soon.
4. It is recognized by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) or there is reasonable expectation that it will be soon.
5. There is availability of existing and appropriate facilities.
6. There is availability of qualified coaches.
7. Resources are available to implement and sustain the cost.

B. Potential interscholastic program changes will be reviewed initially by the activities director using the above listed criteria. The activities director will be

responsible for facilitating discussion with the high school principal and superintendent and reaching a recommendation. The superintendent will bring the recommendation and supporting data to the school board for review and action.

### III. Implementation

In general, initially-added interscholastic athletic programs will have varsity level of competition. If the program and interest continues to increase, the activities director will bring a recommendation to the principal and superintendent to add a junior varsity and/or sophomore team for a second and third level of competition. The initial staffing model is a head coach and varsity assistant coach.

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