

## Education Programs

### Student Activities Program

#### I. Purpose

This policy identifies the position and philosophy of the school district related to the student activities program.

#### II. General Statement of Policy

The school district recognizes the student activities program is an integral part of the district's total educational program. Student activities are intended to provide educational experiences not otherwise provided in the instructional curriculum. They complement the curriculum in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

#### III. Definitions

##### A. Curricular Activities

"Curricular activities" means those portions of the school program for which credit is granted, whether the activity is part of a required or elective program.

##### B. Co-curricular Activities

"Co-curricular activities" means those portions of the school-sponsored and school-directed activities designed to provide opportunities for students to participate in such experiences on an individual basis or in groups, at school and at public events, for improvement of skills (i.e. interscholastic sports, jazz band). Co-curricular activities are not offered for school credit, cannot be counted toward graduation, and have one or more of the following characteristics:

1. They are conducted at regular and uniform times during school hours, or at times established by school authorities;
2. They are directed or supervised by instructional staff in a learning environment similar to that found in courses offered for credit; and
3. They are partially, primarily or totally funded by public moneys for general instructional purposes under direction and control of the school board.

##### C. Extracurricular (Noncurricular/Supplementary) Activities

"Extracurricular (noncurricular/supplementary) activities" means all direct and personal services for students for their enjoyment and development that are

managed and operated under the guidance of an adult or staff member. Extracurricular activities have all of the following characteristics:

1. They are not offered for school credit nor required for graduation;
2. They generally are conducted outside school hours or, if partly during school hours, at times agreed upon by the participants and approved by school authorities;
3. The content of the activities is determined primarily by the student participants under the guidance of a staff member or other adult.

#### IV. Responsibilities

##### A. School Board

The school board will be responsible for the following:

1. Finances: Adopt capital and operating budget, establish participation fees, and annually audit student activities.
2. District Policies: Develop, adopt, and review all policies related to student activities.

##### B. Administration

The responsibilities of the administration will include:

1. Supervision/Evaluation: Supervision and evaluation of activity director and staff.
2. Communications: Ensure timely internal and external communications occur related to the student activities program.
3. Discipline: Assist in facilitating necessary disciplinary action related to student activities, including all school district policies and the policies of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).
4. Event Supervision: As appropriate, assist in the supervision of events.

##### C. Activities Director

The responsibilities of the activities director may be assigned to more than one administrator and will include:

1. Administration: Administer and oversee all the student activities programs, including coordination and scheduling of all practices, contests, and events.
2. Supervision/Evaluation: Supervise/evaluate all student activities' advisors, coaches, directors, and support staff.
3. Financial: Develop and maintain the student activities' budget, including the processing of payment of invoices and bills to vendors.

4. Event Coordination: Coordinate all student activities' events, including scheduling, facility permits, officials, transportation, event workers, and supervision.
5. Communications: Complete and monitor all necessary internal and external communications through email, websites, telephone, and other applicable means for all student activities.
6. Eligibility: Verify the participation eligibility for all members of interscholastic teams referencing MSHSL and district policies.

#### D. Middle School Activities Coordinator

The responsibilities of the middle school coordinator, which may be assigned to more than one administrator, will include:

1. Work closely with the activities director, building administration and staff to oversee the middle school athletic programs and activity offerings as assigned.
2. Facilitate the athletic/activity registration process for the middle school students at the beginning of each season.
3. Work closely with the middle school coaches and facilitate facility permits, transportation, event workers and schedules.
4. Attend four annual meetings per year with the Lake Conference middle/junior high school coordinators.
5. Verify eligibility of middle school students for participating in athletics and activities assigned.

#### E. Coaches/Advisors

Provide leadership and complete the duties of their respective student activities' area as assigned and defined. Coaches/advisors are considered employees of the district. All coaches/advisors must go through the district application and background check process at their own expense. Volunteer coaches/advisors will follow the guidelines established in Policy 911 (Use of Volunteers).

#### F. Parents/Guardians

Provide support for students and the various student activities of the district.

#### G. Student Activities Advisory Council (SAAC)

Serve as an advisory group to those who administer the activities programs in the district. The group is made up of parents, students, coaches, teachers, and administrators. The activities director selects members, schedules and facilitates the meetings that are held a minimum of four times per year.

#### H. Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)

Serve as the state governing organization for the interscholastic and fine arts programs of the district.

#### V. Sponsored Student Activities

A. Student activities are considered school-sponsored provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Organized by a school site's leadership team
2. Sponsored by school personnel
3. Composed of current student body members
4. Conduct a majority of meetings, practices and events at the school site
5. Provide a process for the selection of members
6. Establish aims which are educational in value
7. Meet the interests of the school or community

The student activity must be formally reviewed by the SAAC and approved by the school board to become a sponsored activity.

B. Each approved, school-sponsored student activity is located in Appendix I. The activities director will update the appendix in June, prior to the start of a new school year.

C. Middle school and high school activity programs are available to all students meeting the eligibility requirements of the school district and/or MSHSL. In addition, all participants must meet the registration requirements before participating in an activity.

D. All participants in the activities program(s) must follow the Edina School District policies and policies of the MSHSL.

E. All interscholastic athletic programs must comply with federal Title IX regulations related to gender equity. An annual report must be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education on gender compliance.

F. The secondary administration, activities director, and appropriate staff will develop procedures and rules to address the student activity programs. The secondary schools will publish a reference for student enrichment activities to be available on the district website and in the main office. These activities may vary from year to year based on the interest of students.

## VI. Nonsponsored Student Activities

- A. Nonsponsored student activities are organizations, clubs, societies and/or fraternities that are not recognized by the school district, and do not meet the established criteria of a sponsored school activity (see Section V.A).
- B. The nonsponsored student activities have membership composed primarily of students from a district school, are sponsored by other than school personnel, meet outside school hours at places other than the school, and establish aims that are other than educational. These activities are beyond the jurisdiction of school authorities. The members may access the district facilities according to Policy 801 – Equal Access to School Facilities.
- C. Membership in secret fraternities, sororities and/or clubs is prohibited in the district. Further, activities contrary to the best interest of a school or that negatively reflect on the reputation of a school or that interfere with the school's basic educational mission are prohibited. The school district respects its students' right to engage in free speech and association within the aforementioned parameters. Students violating this policy will be disciplined in accordance with Policy 506 – Student Discipline.

## VII. Procedures and Requirements

### A. Participation Levels

The grades for eligibility for interscholastic athletic activities are listed in Appendix II of this policy. Grade eligibility for other activities is determined by the individual school or activity.

### B. Participation Fees

Participation fees may be assessed for student participation in activity programs. A partial or full participation fee waiver may be an option for eligible students. The activity director's office has the form for such requests. The current participation fee structure is listed in Appendix III of this policy. These fees are reviewed and approved by the school board annually.

### C. Additional Services and Support

Participants may receive additional activities services or staff support when the services and/or support are included in their approved Individual Education Plan. Families seeking more information about possible services and support should contact the Activities Director.

#### D. Exceptional Middle School Student Athlete Policy

A 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student that may have exceptional academic or athletic skills may go through the request process to be a part of a high school varsity program. The details and process are listed in Appendix IV of this policy.

#### E. Activity Conflicts for the Multiple Activity Participant

Participation in multiple co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities can contribute to a broader and well-rounded education. Students who choose to participate in multiple activities can expect to incur additional challenges with time management, organization, and participation commitments. The information, statement of philosophy and process for students with participation conflicts is listed in Appendix V of this policy.

#### F. Official Hornet Logo

The official school colors of the district are green and white. The mascot for the athletic teams is the "Hornet". The official district logo of the "Hornet" is patented and protected by copyright, and is for official school district use only, e.g., uniforms, publications, websites. Any nondistrict use requests for the official "Hornet" must be approved by the administration.

#### G. High School Pepfests/Student Recognition Assemblies

In order to recognize individual and/or team activity achievements during the course of the school year, there will be a minimum of three seasonal pepfests/assemblies. The assemblies/pepfests will occur at the conclusion of the fall, winter, and spring activity seasons, or at a time designated by the building administrator.

The school administration will communicate such achievements to news media, school announcements, building marquees, and school board commendations. The activity director will make arrangements for the appropriate display of trophies, plaques, certificates, and other awards.

#### H. Squad/Team Size

For any activity that has selection criteria and limitations in the number of members/participants, coaches/advisors must have direct contact with any students that are not selected or "cut" from a team/activity.

#### I. Sportsmanship

Participants, coaches/advisors, parents, spectators, and staff are required to exhibit positive sportsmanship at all events.

J. Surveys/Evaluations

Student participants will have the opportunity to complete a survey at the end of a season activity at a minimum of every other year. The head coach/advisor of an activity will have an administrative evaluation a minimum of every other year.

K. Scheduling

Whenever possible, the district will avoid scheduling school activities and events on major faith-based observances and after 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Cross References:

Policy 503 (Student Attendance)

Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

Policy 517 (Student Recruiting)

Policy 538 (Field Trips and Travel)

Policy 625 (Addition/Deletion of Interscholastic Athletic Programs)

Policy 626 (Independent Provider Activity Programs)

Policy 627 (Athletics, Fine Arts and Activities – Participation and Academic Eligibility)

Policy 801 (Equal Access to School Facilities)

Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273

Edina, Minnesota

APPENDIX I TO POLICY 628

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Non-Fine Arts Activities with Curricular Component Under School Board Fiscal Control**

DECA
Newspaper – <i>Zephyrus</i>
Student Council
Yearbook – <i>Windigo</i>

**Activities with Co-Curricular Component Under School Board Fiscal Control**

<b>FINE ARTS</b>	<b>CLUBS</b>
High School Bands:	Academic Triathlon – Middle School
Jazz Band/Jazz Band II	Competition Cheerleading – HS/MS
High School Choirs:	Hip Hop Dance Club
Bel Canto Ensemble	History Day Club – Middle School
Mixed Ensemble	<i>Images</i> – Literary Magazine
Varsity Ensemble	Intramurals
Chamber Singers	Knowledge Masters – Middle School
High School Theater:	Math Olympiad – Elementary
Fall Musical	Math Team/League – HS/MS
One-Act Play	Mock Trial
Winter Play	Model UN
Spring Play	Performance Dance (Hornettes)
Comedy Sportz	Ping Pong Club
Guthrie on Stage	Quiz Bowl
Middle School Bands:	Safety Patrol – Elementary
Jazz Band/Lab Band/Stage Band	Soccer Club
Middle School Choir:	Thespians/Drama Clubs– HS/MS
Chamber Choir/Ensemble	Variety/Talent Show – Middle School
Middle School Theater:	Yearbook – Middle School
Fall, Winter, Spring Plays	212/Student Leadership Team – HS/MS
<b>MSHSL</b>	<b>MSHSL</b>
Adapted Athletics (Boys/Girls)	Debate
Alpine Skiing (Boys/Girls)	One-Act Plays
Badminton (Girls)	Speech
Baseball	
Basketball (Boys/Girls)	
Competition Dance	
Cross Country (Boys/Girls)	
Football	
Golf (Boys/Girls)	
Gymnastics (Girls)	
Hockey (Boys/Girls)	
Lacrosse (Boys/Girls)	
Nordic Skiing (Boys/Girls)	
Soccer (Boys/Girls)	
Softball (Girls)	
Swimming and Diving (Boys/Girls)	
Synchronized Swimming (Girls)	
Tennis (Boys/Girls)	
Track and Field (Boys/Girls)	
Volleyball (Girls)	
Wrestling	

**Activities Not Under School Board Fiscal Control**

<b>CLUBS</b>
Breakfast Book Club
Chess Club – Middle School
French Club
German Club
Latin Club
Robotics Club
Science Club
Sober Squad
Spanish Club
Youth Serving Youth

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Appendix II to Policy 628

**PARTICIPATION LEVELS FOR VARSITY LEVEL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The following interscholastic athletic activities are offered in the district. The grade levels shown are the inclusive grades for students eligible to try out for the varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and 9<sup>th</sup> grade level.

<b>BOYS</b>		<b>GIRLS</b>	
<u>Fall</u>		<u>Fall</u>	
Adapted Soccer	7-12	Adapted Soccer	7-12
Cross Country	7-12	Cross Country	7-12
Soccer	9-12	Soccer	9-12
Football	9-12	Swimming & Diving	7-12
		Tennis	9-12
		Volleyball	9-12
<u>Winter</u>		<u>Winter</u>	
Adapted Floor Hockey	7-12	Adapted Floor Hockey	7-12
Alpine Skiing	9-12	Alpine Skiing	9-12
Basketball	9-12	Basketball	9-12
Hockey	9-12	Competitive Dance Team	7-12
Nordic Skiing	7-12	Gymnastics	7-12
Swimming & Diving	8-12	Hockey	9-12
Wrestling	7-12	Nordic Skiing	7-12
<u>Spring</u>		<u>Spring</u>	
Adapted Softball	7-12	Adapted Softball	7-12
Baseball	9-12	Badminton	9-12
Golf	9-12	Golf	9-12
Lacrosse	9-12	Lacrosse	9-12
Tennis	9-12	Softball	7-12
Track & Field	9-12	Synchronized Swimming	7-12
		Track & Field	9-12

The adapted interscholastic athletic cooperative team with Eden Prairie, Richfield, Bloomington, and Edina offers two divisions, PI (physical impairments) and CI (cognitive impairments). All teams are coed and open for participation for grades 7-12. Soccer, floor hockey, and softball are the three seasonal sports offered for fall, winter, and spring respectively.

**Grade 6 Students**

Grade 6 students are not eligible for interscholastic athletics per Minnesota State High School League Bylaw 105.00.

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Appendix III to Policy 628  
**Activities & Athletics Participation and  
 Advanced Placement Test Fees for 2019-20**

THE APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION FEE, LISTED BELOW, WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SPORT OR ACTIVITY SEASON. THIS COLLECTION WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY COORDINATORS, OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGNEE. THESE PARTICIPATION FEES WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD ANNUALLY. TOTAL FEES PER FAMILY PER SCHOOL YEAR ARE CAPPED AT \$800 PER FAMILY. A PERMISSION SLIP TO PRACTICE WILL BE GIVEN TO A STUDENT UPON RECEIPT OF FEE, CONFIRMATION OF CURRENT PHYSICAL EXAM, AND ELIGIBILITY FORMS. NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE OR ISSUED EQUIPMENT UNTIL THE FEE HAS BEEN PAID AND CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES - SEE WWW.EDINASCHOOLS.ORG/PAGE/316

**Fine Arts**

- High School Bands (*Jazz I; Jazz II; Jazz 9A & 9B; Jazz 10*) ..... 80
- High School Choirs (*Bel Canto Ensemble; Chamber Singers; Varsity Ensemble; Grade 9 Treble Ensemble*) ..... 80
- High School Orchestras (*Chamber, Chamber Ensemble*)..... 80
- High School Theater (*Fall Musical; One-Act; Winter Play; Spring Musical; Comedy Sportz*) 80
- High School Theater (*Support Crews*)..... 40
- Middle School Bands (*Jazz; Lab; Stage*)..... 40
- Middle School Theater (*Fall, Winter, Spring Plays*)..... 50
- Middle School Theater (*Support Crews*) ..... 25

**Activities and Clubs**

- ASL ..... 10
- Breakfast Book Club ..... 30
- Debate ..... 165
- DECA ..... 95
- First Tech Challenge (FTC) ..... 95
- French Club ..... 5
- German Club ..... 10
- Hip Hop Dance Club ..... 95
- Hornettes – Performance Dance ..... 165
- Images – Literary Magazine ..... 40
- Intramurals ..... 20
- Knowledge Bowl – Knowledge Masters ..... 95
- Latin Club..... 10
- Math Team..... 95
- Middle School Math Team – Math League..... 25
- Mock Trial ..... 95
- Model UN ..... 95
- Quiz Bowl..... 95
- Robotics Team (FRC)..... 95
- Science Club..... 10
- Spanish Club ..... 5
- Speech..... 165
- Whigrean – Yearbook ..... 40
- WorldQuest..... 25
- Zephyrus – Newspaper ..... 40

**Minnesota State High School League Athletics**

- Adapted Athletics .....75/sport
- Alpine Ski .....215
- Badminton .....215
- Baseball.....245
- Basketball.....245
- Competition Cheerleading.....215
- Competition Dance.....215
- Cross Country .....230
- Football.....295
- Golf .....215
- Gymnastics.....230
- Hockey.....295
- Lacrosse .....245
- Nordic Ski .....215
- Soccer .....245
- Softball.....245
- Swim and Dive .....230
- Synchronized Swimming.....230
- Tennis.....215
- Track and Field.....245
- Volleyball .....245
- Wrestling.....230

**Advanced Placement Tests**

- Individual Tests .....66.50
- Late fee for Individual Tests .....50.00

## **Refund of Fees**

Fee reimbursement request forms will be available in the office of the activities director. The student will complete this form, and get the signature of the coach/advisor. Upon approval by the activities director, the student will receive a refund.

The refund criteria will be:

1. If a student drops out of an activity of his/her own accord within two weeks of participation, they may request fee reimbursement.
2. If a student is cut from the team or squad, they will receive a fee reimbursement.
3. If a student discontinues participation due to illness, injury, or for disciplinary reasons within the first four weeks of that sport or activity season, they may request fee reimbursement.

Students who try out for the hockey and golf MSHSL athletic programs and either (1) do not make the team or (2) drop out of the program within two weeks of participation, will receive a partial refund of participation fees charged. The partial refund will be a try out fee of \$50 subtracted from the initial participation fee charged.

## **Request for Fee Waiver**

Request for fee waiver forms must be completed and signed by parents, and will be reviewed by athletic coordinators. Hardship cases, where families qualify for the free/reduced lunch program, will have the participation fee fully or partially waived. Any other possible exceptions will be reviewed and resolved at the discretion of the activities director and/or middle school athletic coordinators, or administrative designee.

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## Appendix IV to Policy 628

### **EXCEPTIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETE POLICY PARTICIPATION OF 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

One of the goals of the Edina Public Schools is to provide an appropriate learning opportunity and challenge for students in all endeavors, academic and cocurricular. The needs of the student and concern for his/her physical, mental, social, emotional and educational well-being are of prime importance.

Students below the 9<sup>th</sup> grade are not eligible to try out for senior high teams designated as grade 9-12 programs. However, if in the judgment of the varsity coach there is an advanced 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade athlete who could compete at the high school level, this individual may be eligible under the following conditions:

The student must possess skills to successfully participate and play competitively at the high school levels, Athletes needed for specific levels of play in each program will be determined by the head coach and activities director.

1. Parents, counselors, coaches, and administrators of the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade athlete are urged to carefully consider the student's physical, mental, emotional, social, and educational well-being before permitting him/her to try out and participate on a varsity team with older students.
2. The athlete moved to the high school level is being included in an accelerated track for learning, fully anticipating being a significant varsity contributor his/her first year or the year after.
3. The procedures of this policy must be followed.

#### Procedures

1. Requests for high school level participation may be initiated by a student athlete and parent, a coach, activities director, or a principal. Requests are to be made on a form provided by the district and submitted to the activities director who will consult with the parent, middle school coach, middle school athletic coordinator, principal, and the varsity coach to determine the appropriate disposition of each request. No 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade athlete will be permitted to register for high school participation without first presenting to the activities office staff a completed request form bearing the signature of approval of the activities director and middle school principal.
2. All 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes who receive approval from the activities director for high school participation will undergo a tryout period in which the varsity coach evaluates the athlete's physical, mental, social, emotional and educational readiness for competition at high school level. The tryout period will not exceed two weeks. At the conclusion of the tryout, the varsity coach will meet with the

student-athlete and discuss the anticipated role of the young student-athlete for the season.

3. The activities director will talk with the head high school varsity coach to share all pertinent information. A meeting with parent(s) and/or student athlete is recommended.
4. The activities director will be responsible for the final decision. The completed and signed form will be retained in the high school activities office.

### Considerations

During the analysis portion of the request for a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student athlete to try out and compete at the high school level, the following considerations will be carefully reviewed:

1. The athlete being moved to the high school level MUST fit the criteria of an accelerated track for learning, fully anticipating being a significant varsity contributor their first year or the year after that.
2. Each program head coach, in consultation with the activities director, will determine if having 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders involved in their high school program is appropriate.
3. An analysis of all team members with consideration being given to senior high student/athletes who may be displaced as team members or may lose playing time with the addition of the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade athlete.

### Grade 6 Students

Grade 6 students are not eligible for interscholastic athletics per Minnesota State High School League Bylaw 105.00.

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## Appendix V to Policy 628

### **ACTIVITY CONFLICTS FOR THE MULTIPLE ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS**

With a number of students participating in multiple activities, situations arise when students may have competing demands of their time during the same season. It is with this in mind, and with mutual respect, that coaches/advisors/directors of music, fine arts, athletics, and clubs should coordinate their schedules. The purpose is to avoid putting pressure on a multiple activity student as a result of conflicting schedules. The following guidelines are an attempt to provide an equitable basis concerning the scheduling of events for students and a process to follow if conflicts arise.

#### A. Scheduling of Events

1. The activities director and advisors/directors from the music and drama departments will schedule events in the preceding spring of the year for the following school year.
2. Events scheduled after the annual activity calendar is completed in the spring will have to be cleared on the master calendar before being added.
3. The city, county, state, and federal election days should be listed on the calendar. There are no activities permitted after 6:00 pm on those dates
4. The Minnesota State High School League official tournament dates should also be posted on the master calendar to include state tournament and section tournament dates.
5. Other district-designated dates will take priority over all the later scheduled events.
6. When it becomes necessary to reschedule an event which has been postponed/cancelled, the applicable advisors/directors/coaches must check the existing master schedule. If there is a possible conflict with the rescheduled date, the change must be approved by the activities director and the affected staff.

#### B. Procedure for Multiple Activities' Participants

1. The student is responsible for informing coaches/advisors/directors of any known or potential conflicts or issues which may arise by virtue of participating in multiple activities.
2. The coaches/advisors/directors should communicate with each other once a conflict is determined. They must agree on a plan to proactively reduce conflicts, issues and stress for the multiple-activity participant.
3. One of the coaches, directors, or advisors should inform the student of the agreed upon plan to reduce conflicts, issues and stress. The student should

inform his/her parents of the agreed upon plan and continue to inform the parents of any conflicts or issues which may arise in the implementation of the plan.

### C. Conflict Resolution Process

1. The following will be used to determine priority for conflicts:

ACTIVITY 1	ACTIVITY 2	OUTCOME
Practice	Practice	Student Choice
Game/Performance/Event	Practice	Activity 1
Practice	Game/Performance/Event	Activity 2
Game/Performance/Event	Game/Performance/Event	Student Choice

2. There will be no penalties/consequences for student participation due to the outcome of a decision resulting from these policies/guidelines.
3. A postseason game or tournament will take priority over a musical concert or drama event.
4. Reasonable exceptions may be made through communication between coaches, directors, and advisors, depending on the role and importance to other students involved in an activity.
5. If other circumstances arise, the principal will make a decision and the student may not be penalized in any way.

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Appendix VI to Policy 628

**COMMUNITY YOUTH SPORT ASSOCIATION ADMISSION TO VARSITY GAMES**

In an effort to gain some consistency and equality in youth association participants attending Hornet home games, the school district recommends that the following guidelines be followed for Edina youth athletic associations to have free admission to home high school varsity contests (i.e. Youth Nights, Jersey Night):

1. The youth organization must provide adequate adult supervision (one adult for every 10 youth) for the duration of the game.
2. The youth association parents must set up and staff a check-in table or gate for youth participants at game entrance door or gate.
3. Athletes/participants must wear their youth association jersey/shirt to gain free admission to the game.
4. The youth association participants may gain free admission to two games, or more at the activities director's discretion, per sport per season. The youth association leadership should communicate with the high school coaches and activities department to set up the best dates for the two games. The sports that are subject to this policy are:

Football	Boys' Basketball
Volleyball	Girls' Basketball
Boys' Soccer	Boys' Hockey
Girls' Soccer	Girls' Hockey

5. The varsity games' designated youth nights will be for the youth association matching gender only. The exception to this will be to allow free admission to the two designated home football games to the Edina Girls Athletic Association Flag Football participants. The designated football games cannot include Homecoming.
6. When possible, the coaches and youth participants should be recognized during the course of the game (before, half-time, end of game). A youth association member should provide the public address announcer with an appropriate script to be read for proper recognition.

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