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PARTICIPATION ON ATHLETIC TEAMS AND IN OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I. Purpose

Policy IGDK establishes a set of rules for student participation on athletic teams and in other extracurricular activities to provide for consistent and fair treatment of all participants.

II. Background

Student athletic and other extracurricular activities are opportunities for students to explore areas of interest beyond the WCPS program of studies. Academic studies take precedence over any extracurricular activities, and a student's participation in these supplemental activities shall not jeopardize their academic achievement or their ability to meet or satisfy their graduation requirements.

~~Students who participate on athletic teams and in other extracurricular activities comprise much of the visible student leadership in a school. Participants project an image to the community and to younger students. Student participation on athletic teams and in other extracurricular activities can further their educational development and also~~ The responsibility inherent in participation carries with it, however, ~~provide~~ a number of opportunities for personal growth, and benefits for the participants.

III. Policy Statement/Procedures

The Board of Education of Washington County recognizes its responsibility to protect the basic rights of students, but also the Board is keenly conscious of developing and maintaining a high level of confidence the county's schools.

- A. Participation on an athletic team or in other extracurricular activities, as defined in Policy IGDL, in the public schools of Washington County is ~~regarded as a privilege and not a right~~. Students who chosen for participation are subject to reasonable rules of conduct and training as set forth in the accompanying administrative regulation. A violation of these rules can may result in disciplinary actions ranging from conferences among school officials and the student and his/her ~~their parent or legal guardian~~, up to and including dismissal from participation.
- B. Rules for participation will be provided to each student and their parent or legal guardian at the start of the athletic season or other extracurricular activity and ~~are effective~~ will be in effect at all times during the term of the activity.
- C. ~~The Board believes that proper administration of the following policy can do much to attain a positive attitude toward the vast majority of students. The rules of conduct and regulations proposed under the policy will be carefully monitored, so that they provide for reasonably consistent and fair treatment.~~
- D. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate an administrative regulation that sets forth the rules of conduct and the discipline process to be followed when a violation occurs.

See also: Policy IGDL – “Student Activities – Eligibility (High Schools)”

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Board of Education of Washington County