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***Sartell-St. Stephen School District 748
Policy 510***

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510 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform students, employees and the community about the school district's student activity program.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

School activities provide additional opportunities for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental and emotional well-being. They are of secondary importance in relationship to the formal instructional program; however, they complement the instructional program in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

- A. The purpose of extra-curricular activities is to provide all students with an opportunity to participate in a variety of programs which provide positive educational experiences as an adjunct to the academic program. The extra-curricular program shall be an integral part of the total educational process, be operated with the well being of the student in mind, and be governed by sound educational practices.

Objectives specific to student growth inherent in the extra-curricular program are:

1. To develop physical skills
2. To develop special skills in music, art, writing, speech, dramatics, student government and leadership
3. To gain information and to have experiences not available in the classroom, to extend the classrooms
4. To learn the values of sportsmanship and team play
5. To provide activities for worthy use of leisure time in later life
6. To provide experiences which stress self-discipline, self-motivation, excellence, character development
7. To develop desirable health habits

8. To provide an opportunity for self-expression and creativity
9. To develop school and community pride and loyalty
10. To assist in the development of poise and self-confidence
11. To provide recreation for both the participant and spectator
12. To encourage scholarship.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students who participate in school-sponsored activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to school activities.
- B. The school board expects all spectators at school sponsored activities, including parents, employees, and other members of the public, to behave in an appropriate manner at those activities. Students and employees may be subject to discipline and parents and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.
- C. The superintendent shall be responsible for disseminating information needed to inform students, parents, staff, and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and the rules of participation.
- D. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. Those employees who conduct MSHSL activities shall be responsible for familiarizing students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.
- E. The superintendent shall be responsible for conducting a periodic evaluation of school activity programs and presenting any recommendations to the school board.
- F. The school board will ensure that any funds raised for extracurricular activities will be spent only on extracurricular activities.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)

Cross References: Sartell-St. Stephen School District Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
Sartell-St. Stephen School District Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
Sartell – St. Stephen District Policy 713 (Student Activity Accounting)