Bay View Middle School Athletic/Activities Code of Conduct 2026-27



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Bay View Middle School
Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower each other to embark on a journey toward belonging and success, through high expectations and challenging opportunities from a safe, dedicated and unified school community.

Bay View Middle School
Student Activities and Athletics Guide

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INTRODUCTION

At Bay View Middle School we offer academic and co-curricular student activities which enable each student to grow in knowledge and skills useful for a lifetime of learning and activity.

The middle school years are key years to explore. Students begin to make choices and learn what their strengths and areas of growth are and what they truly enjoy. Therefore, we encourage every student in our school to participate in at least one activity outside the regular school experience. We offer many academic, athletic, and artistic activities for our students. There's something for everyone and usually a few things for most.

We encourage you to review this Activities Handbook to become familiar with the activities, policies, and other information related to our co-curricular activities program. We are confident these opportunities will make your Middle School years even more rewarding.

Heath Garland
Principal

STUDENT ACTIVITY OFFERINGS

ART CLUB

Art club provides an opportunity for students to develop their skills and work on expanded projects outside the school day. Students create artwork for display at the Art Expo held in the spring of the year. Participants may also design and paint murals throughout the school in the summer.
Season: School Year
Contact Person: Jenny Perry jennperr@hssdschools.org

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This is a schoolwide program to encourage students to read a variety of books. Three member teams read over sixty books and compete against each other in monthly "battles" for the chance to compete against other schools in interscholastic competition in spring.
Season: January – March
Contact Person: Dana Martin danamart@hssdschools.org

BASKETBALL (on-line registration)

This interscholastic program is designed to develop basic basketball skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. Teams compete against other area middle schools. Game play is determined by the coach based on a player's commitment to the team, effort and attendance at practice and skill development.
Boys Season: November – Mid January
Girls Season: October – November
Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

BOWLING

Sign up takes place at Village Lanes. Watch the daily announcements for sign up information.
Season: Winter

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is offered during PLC's, the noon hours, or after school for those wishing to learn more and/or compete in chess. Chess club is offered depending on student interest and advisor availability.
Contact Person: Associate Principal

CROSS COUNTRY (on-line registration)

The cross-country program introduces participants to the sport of running. Emphasis is placed on proper training and running techniques. Students compete against other schools in the area.
Season: September - October
Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

DANCES

All students are welcome to attend if they are in attendance the day of the dance/Activityand are in good behavioral standing.
Expectations:

1. Only Bay View students may attend Bay View dances/activities
2. All tickets must be purchased prior to to entering
3. Students should not arrive more than 15 minutes prior
4. Students must remain in the area(s) where the activity is being held
5. For safety, shoes must be kept on at all times
6. Food and beverages must be kept in the designated area
7. Once students arrive, they must stay until the activity is finished
8. Rides must be at school within 15 minutes after the activity ends to take students home;
9. Students will not be allowed to walk home after activities
10. No inappropriate or offensive clothing should be worn; school dress code is in effect
11. No drugs, paraphernalia, weapons, alcohol, vapes, tobacco, etc.
12. No inappropriate or offensive dancing or public displays of affection
13. All other school rules apply

If a student is misbehaving the parent will be contacted to pick up the student and disciplinary actions may apply.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Environment Club meets after school to learn more and participate in activities to promote the environment. Offered depending on student interest.
Contact Person: Mona Forbes monaforb@hssdschools.org

FOOTBALL (on-line registration)

The tackle football program introduces seventh and eighth grade students to the fundamentals of football. Basic skills, teamwork, and safety are stressed. The seventh grade teams will mostly engage in inter school play and the eighth grade will be involved in interscholastic competition against comparable programs at other area middle schools. Game play is determined by the coach based on a player's commitment to the team, effort, attendance at practice, and skill development.
Season: August - October
Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

FORENSICS (on-line registration)

The forensics program is designed to allow students to develop their communication skills through public speaking competitions. Emphasis is placed on speech and writing skills, as well as, poise and delivery skills in the presentation. Students take part in a competition in the spring of the year.
Season: December - March
Contact Person: Dana Martin danamart@hssdschools.org

JAZZ BAND

Band students interested in exploring music composed in various "jazz styles" may join the Bay View Jazz Ensemble. This group is made up of musicians who play the saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, and drum set. The Jazz Ensemble may perform at the December and May concerts. In addition, this group may also perform at Solo and Ensemble Festival in March.
Season: School Year – before school
Contact Person: Band Teachers

MUSICAL (on-line sign up)

The musical is open to all seventh and eighth graders. Positions are available for both on stage and behind the scenes work such as sound and lights, hair and make-up, props, stage managers, stage crew, ushers, flower sellers, ticket sellers, photographers, advertising specialists, singers, dancers and actors. Emphasis is on stage presence, performance skills and teamwork. Practices are after school and two to three Saturdays throughout the season.
Season: November – March
Contact Person: Cindi Pehowski cindpeho@hssdschools.org or
Erin Patchak erinpatc@hssdschools.org

SHOW CHOIR (on-line sign up)

Bay View Show Choir is a competition performance group that works on singing, dancing, acting and performance skills. The students learn a 20 minute, high energy stage show featuring current pop and broadway hits, incorporating costume changes, props, various styles of dance, and more.

The season begins with a week-long camp in August with rehearsals continuing once per week during the school year. In addition to a December performance with the Jazz Band and Rock Orchestra, we perform at Bay Port High School and the Bay View Variety Show. We then take our show on the road and compete at area show choir competitions once per month in January, February and March. Our season concludes with us attending the Six-Flags Music in the Parks Competition in June.

Past awards include: Grand Champion- New London Show Choir Invitational 2023, Music in the Parks: 1st Place Show Choir, Best Vocal Performance, Esprit de Corp Award, Best Soloist. If you like to perform and want to take your skills to the next level, this group is for you!

Season: Year (Show Camp held in August) Sign ups begin in May through August with info sent via Lineville and Bay View newsletters and announcements. 2024-25 schedule

Contact Person: Erin Patchak erinpatc@hssdschools.org

SOCCER (on-line registration)

Co-ed soccer introduces students to the interscholastic soccer program. Emphasis is placed on skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship, and participation. Games are arranged with area schools having similar programs. Game play is determined by the coach based on a player's commitment to the team, effort and attendance at practice and skill development.
Season: September – October
Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

HSSD MUSIC FESTIVAL

This music event is open to all seventh and eighth grade choir and band members. Participants prepare solos or ensembles (duets, trios, quartets, etc.) and perform for an adjudicator who evaluates their performance with constructive comments. Practices are after school during the second semester. The festival is on a Saturday in February.
Season: Second semester

Contact Person: Your Music Teacher

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is a student-led organization that is involved in decision-making, community service, and fundraising activities at Bay View Middle School. The mission of the group is to make Bay View Middle School a fun and safe environment and also to ensure that the student body's voice is heard at our school. The group's goal is to be positive, trustworthy role models who help students learn to become involved and productive. The Student Council consists of a student government board. Board members are selected through an application and interview process in the spring for the following school year.

Season: All year – including the summer for the board members

Contact Person: Abby Porter abbyport@schools.org
Olivia Nash olivkare@hssdschools.org

SWAG (Student Wellness Awareness Group)

Students who participate in SWAG learn about and promote wellness, fitness and healthy lifestyle through a variety of school and community activities.

Season: All year

Contact Person: Kaitlyn Bieszk kaitbies@hssdschools.org or
Teresa Van Nuland terevann@hssdschools.org

TENNIS (on-line registration)

The tennis program is a co-ed interscholastic program for the development of skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and participation. Matches are arranged with other area middle schools. Match play is determined by attendance at practice, determination, attitude, and skill development.

Season: April – May

Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

TRACK (on-line registration)

The track program introduces seventh and eighth grade students to the variety of skills and events of track and field. Emphasis is placed on learning and improving skills, as well as, sportsmanship and teamwork. Interscholastic meets with area middle schools are scheduled in spring.

Season: April – May

Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

VARIETY SHOW

The Variety Show is designed for students to have an opportunity to showcase their talents, or technical skills. Students audition as individuals or in groups to earn a place in the show. Acts are chosen based on originality, talent, variety, and commitment. Performers and students who are interested in stage crew are invited to participate in this three-week commitment.

Season: Spring

Contact Person: Cindi Pehowski cindpeho@hssdschools.org
Erin Patchak erinpatc@hssdschools.org

VOLLEYBALL (on-line registration)

The volleyball program introduces students to the development of skills, sportsmanship and leadership. Game play is determined by the coach based on a player's commitment to the team, effort, attendance at practice, and skill development.

Season: September – October

Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

WRESTLING (on-line registration)

The wrestling program is designed for the development of skills, sportsmanship, and leadership and to allow for competition at a level comparable with individual skills, size and weight.

Season: January – March

Contact Person: Donnie Krznarich donnkrzn@hssdschools.org

YEARBOOK

Students may participate in creating our annual school yearbook. Students help with photography, designing, and overall layout of the yearbook.

Contact Person: Terry Deaviers terideav@hssdschools.org

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS CODE

PHILOSOPHY

Co-curricular activities at Bay View Middle School exist so that students have the opportunity to learn new skills and to try various types of activities during the maturing and growing process which goes on during the middle school years. Participants are provided instructions and encouragement so they may learn the basic skills and improve upon existing skills while under qualified direction.

PRINCIPLES OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Allow all students to participate in each activity of their choice.
- Teach participants the basic skills of each activity and improve on their existing skills.
- Provide students a guided activity in which to utilize their abundance of energy.
- Teach participants good sportsmanship.
- Help teach responsibility and a sense of commitment to a team.
- Participate in opportunities to develop friendships with teammates and opponents.
- Teach participants the rules of the game.
- Teach participants the good habits of health, nutrition, and safety.

PARTICIPATION / NO-CUT POLICY

Bay View Middle School believes that all students should be given the opportunity to participate in the co-curricular activities of their choice. We subscribe to the belief that as long as a student follows the rules and practices regularly, he/she will have the opportunity to participate in games and/or performances. Students are not cut from activities because of lack or skill. Some events may need to limit participation due to the number who sign up.

GRADING/BEHAVIOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Students may be withheld from games or performances if they are not meeting academic requirements in school. **Students who have two or more F's at the end of each school week during their athletic season may lose the privilege to participate in any co-curricular contests or performances. Grade reports will be run each Monday and if a student is declared ineligible, they will miss any events or games for that week. However, they are expected to practice or show up to contests in normal clothing unless directed otherwise by the coach.**

*****Grade requirements apply to those activities that have games, contests, or performances*****

Parents will be notified on each Monday if their student is ineligible.

Students can regain eligibility for contests the following Monday if they have fewer than two failing grades. This applies to athletics and club activities. All students who practice regularly and put forth effort can

expect to participate in the competitions or performances once they are meeting the minimum expectations.

***Situations where students with individualized education plans, 504 health plans, or extenuating circumstances will be evaluated by administration and coaches.

Students who have a disciplinary issue resulting in a behavioral referral may have the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities taken away or reduced depending on the severity of the issue. Administration will work with coaches, parents, and the participant on the consequence.

FURTHER PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS
(AODA and attendance requirements)

The Howard-Suamico Schools consider participation in co-curricular activities to be a privilege. Proper student conduct in these activities, whether on school property or away from school, during the school year is expected and must coincide with the rules of the school.

1. A participant will be removed from the activity for the season if involved or is at a function with others involved in consumption, purchasing, possession of alcoholic beverages or being present at a party or event where there is underage drinking.

2. A participant will be removed from the activity for the season if involved in or is at a function with others involved in using, selling, purchasing, possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia or being present at a party or event where there is use of such substances.

3. A participant will be removed from the activity for 10% of the season for the first violation (level one), 50% of the contests scheduled for the second violation (level 2), and for one calendar year for the third violation if involved in the use, purchase or possession of vaping or tobacco products (level 3). If a student is found to be distributing e-cigarettes or other illegal material, administration has the discretion to choose levels one, two, or three based on violation.

4. Students must attend school for the entire day on the day of a competition. Students excused to attend medical or dental appointments, funerals, etc, on the day of a competition will be allowed to participate. Students must be present for at least a half day to participate in practices.

5. Students who are found to be harassing students via social media or directly at school after an investigation has been completed, may be forced to miss athletic or activity events based on the severity of the incident at administration's discretion.

NOTE:
Consequences for any of the above violations may be carried into the next season if violations occur after the midpoint of a season. Final decisions regarding carryover of violations will rest with the principal or designee. Students and parents agree to follow these expectations by signing the general Bay View parent/Student Support Agreement at the beginning of the school year.

PARTICIPATION BY DISTRICT YOUTH WHO DO NOT ATTEND BAY VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school students (grades 7 and 8) who are not currently enrolled at Bay View Middle School, but whose parents live in the Howard-Suamico School District and attend an accredited academic institution, will be allowed to participate in Bay View Middle School athletic activities.

Conditions:
Students who wish to participate in athletics at Bay View Middle School can only do so when the school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the sport in which the student wishes to participate.

Student participation may be denied when the student/coach ratio exceeds the desired proportionate limits and would require additional staff be hired to accommodate participation from non Bay View students.

Students must find their own transportation to Bay View Middle School for practice and games. Students participating in athletics will be provided transportation associated with off campus practice and/or games in which Bay View students are provided by the Howard-Suamico School District. Students will follow the Bay View student co-curricular activity code and requirements outlined and listed in the Handbook.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS

In order to be a part of any athletic team at Bay View Middle School, you must sign up online; pay the fee online and have a completed physical on record prior to your first practice.

*In addition, the student must meet all the other participation expectations as outlined in the Bay View Student Activity Code and District Policy.

SPORTSMANSHIP!

IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

PARENT'S ROLE IN COMMUNICATING WITH THEIR CHILD RE: SCHOOL ATHLETICS

- Make sure your child knows that win or lose, scared or heroic, you love them, appreciate their efforts and are not disappointed in them. This will allow them to do their best without fear of failure. Be the person in their life they can look to for constant positive reinforcement.

- Try your best to be completely honest about your child's athletic ability, competitive attitude, sportsmanship, and actual skill level.

- Teach them to enjoy the thrill of competition, to be "out there trying," to be working to improve skills and attitudes. Help them develop the feeling for competing, for trying hard, for having fun.

- Try not to relive your athletic life through your child in a way that creates pressure. You were frightened, backed off at times, and were not always heroic. Athletic children need their parents, so do not withdraw. There is a thinking, feeling, sensitive, free spirit in that uniform who needs a lot of understanding, especially when their world turns bad. If they are comfortable with you, win or lose, then they are on their way to maximum enjoyment.

- Don't compete with the coach. If your child is receiving mixed messages from two different authority figures, he or she will likely become disenchanted.

- Don't compare the skill, courage or attitude of your child with other members of the team.

- Get to know the coach(es). Then you can be assured that his or her philosophy, attitudes, ethics, and knowledge are such that you are happy to have your child under his or her leadership.

- Always remember that children tend to exaggerate, both when praised and when criticized. Temper your reaction and investigate before overreacting.

- Make a point of understanding courage and the fact that it is relative. Some of us climb mountains and are afraid to fly. Some of us will fly but turn to jelly if a bee approaches. Everyone is frightened in certain areas. Explain that courage is not the absence of fear, but a means of doing something in spite of fear and discomfort.