

ACTIVITIES POLICY

The following policy statement will govern all activities included in the School District No. 31 program.

It shall be the responsibility of the supervisor or cover the rules that pertain to their activity at the start of each season. This includes district rules, M.S.H.S.L. rules and rules that each coach/sponsor applies to her/his activity. The rules of the coach/sponsor must be in written form if they aren't covered in the district or M.S.H.S.L. rules.

When a student is being questioned regarding an alleged violation of the Minnesota State High School League or School District Rules and/or Regulations, at least two adults should be present. Depending on the circumstances and the number of students involved, those adults in attendance should at least be the Activities Coordinator and a district or building level administrator. It is not necessary that the student's parent(s) be in attendance.

Coaches will have the right to determine what individuals be included on squads or teams. It is recognized that sometimes cuts are necessary and coaches will determine the number of participants that will be included on a particular squad.

The M.S.H.S.L. states that grades 7 - 12 are eligible to participate in M.S.H.S.L. activities. It is recommended that 7th, 8th or 9th grade students not be on varsity squads. If this recommendation is not followed, it should only be after careful evaluation of the individual.

Chemical Awareness Statement:

Because even minimal consumption of mood altering chemicals have an affect on an individual's function, it is the responsibility of the Board of Education and the school administration to create an environment which is conducive to responsible decision-making with respect to alcohol and other chemicals. The Board of Education and the administration will not tolerate the use of any mood altering chemicals by students or supervisors in any activities that are sponsored by the school district. The use of these chemicals by students will result in sanctions and suspensions as indicated by the Minnesota State High School League and discipline and/or termination for any supervisor using these chemicals while supervising students in school sponsored extracurricular activities.

Guidelines for Supervisors to Follow:

1. As representatives of the school district, the adults who accompany students on school-sponsored trips are expected to model the very best in appropriate behavior. The impressions given to students can have a profound impact upon behavior, now and through out life.
2. School staff who supervise extracurricular activities, whether in or out of town, are in loco parentis (in place of the parent) and expected to totally abstain from the use of mood altering chemicals while supervising students in extracurricular activities.
3. Students found to be using a mood altering chemical while involved in extracurricular activities are subject to the rules of the Minnesota State High School League and

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Independent School District No. 31 (see Extracurricular Handbook).

4. It is illegal for the school district to pay for alcoholic beverages at any time.