

Students

Activities

Athletics

The athletic program is an integral part of the school curriculum in the Watertown Unified School District. It is recognized that a well-organized and well-conducted athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of the student body and an important phase of good school-community relations.

The Board believes interscholastic and intramural athletic activities provide individual students with opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experiences in self-discipline and their contributions to team effort. Participation by as many students as possible should be encouraged, and the best interest of the participants should be given first consideration.

Intramural athletic activities shall be provided as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education and shall be commensurate with the grade level of the students involved.

Interscholastic athletic competition shall be provided in a variety of sports. Students may be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics on the basis of their physical condition, desire, and adherence to regulation established by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and the Board.

Watertown High School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and in all athletic matters will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of sports encouraged by WIAA. Minimum eligibility requirements for students to participate in athletic programs shall be determined in accordance with established District eligibility standards and WIAA regulations.

No student may start practice for any athletic team until he/she has completed the necessary health examination requirements, and has provided written consent from his/her parent or guardian. An attempt will be made to have medical supervision available at all athletic competitions.

District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval of the Board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations or conferences; of rules for student participation; and of annual sport schedules.

Qualified personnel shall be provided for coaching and supervising individual athletic activities. Personnel having direct responsibility of the conduct of the school athletic program are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the Board and administration, including such matters as schedules, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.

Expenditures for the athletic program shall be incorporated as part of the general budget of the Board. Coaches of each sport will be required to submit their budgetary needs to the athletic director for the next school year and the latter will present the total athletic budget request to the principal for approval

and inclusion in the general budget. No expenditures for athletic purposes may be made in excess of those listed in the budget without the approval of the district administrator.

The right of the student to be admitted to school and to participate fully in curricular, co-curricular, student services, recreational or other programs, activities or opportunities shall not be abridged or impaired because of a student's sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientations, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability/handicap. Complaints may be filed according to established procedures.

Legal Reference: **Wisconsin Statute - Section 118.13**
 Wisconsin Statute - Section 120.13(1)
 Wisconsin Administrative Code – PI 9.03(1)

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