

## Students

Series 500

Policy Title: Interscholastic Competition

Code No. 504.6

Participation in school activities in the Marshalltown Community School District is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and ability in the students during their school years and for their lifetime.

Students may participate in interscholastic athletic, music, speech, and other contests or events approved by the administration. Any such event must be directed or guided by school personnel "certified" or "authorized" by the Iowa Department of Education.

No student shall participate in an athletic practice or contest without filing a doctor's certificate of good health.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a school activity unless the activity is not offered or the student cannot participate for disciplinary reasons. If the activity is an intramural or interscholastic athletic activity, students of the opposite sex will have a comparable opportunity for participation. Comparable opportunity does not guarantee boys and girls will be allowed to play on each other's teams when there are athletic activities available that will allow both boys and girls to reap the benefits of school activities, which are the promotion of additional interests and abilities in the students.

Student activity events must be approved by the superintendent unless they involve unusual travel expense, in which case the board will take action. The event must not disrupt the education program or other school district operations.

A high school student who participates in school sponsored athletics may participate in a non-school sponsored sport during the same season with approval of the athletic director.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent and/or designee to develop activity handbooks for each school activity. These handbooks will include, but not be limited to, when physical examinations will be required, how and when parents will be informed about the risk of the activity, academic requirements, and proof of insurance on the student participating in certain activities. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity.

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20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683; 1685-1686 (2004).  
34 C.F.R. Pt. 106.41 (2004).

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Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.13-.14 (2007).  
281 I.A.C. 12.6; 36.15 (7).

Cross Reference: 501-Student Attendance  
502-Student Rights and Responsibilities  
503-Student Discipline  
504-Student Activities