510 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees and the community the school district’s policy related to the 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.

The School Board of St. Cloud Area School District 742 believes that student activities are an integral part of a quality educational program for its students. Student activities should foster respect, teamwork, and communication between students, parents, and staff, and among schools and communities.

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. Students, while participating in school activities, will be supervised by District staff or approved volunteers. It is the responsibility of the students to comply with all student-related discipline policies, and the responsibility of the staff to enforce the policies.

C. 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.

D. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent (or designee) to disseminate information needed to inform students, parents, staff and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and the rules of participation.

E. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. It shall be the responsibility of those employees who conduct MSHSL activities to familiarize students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.

F. The superintendent shall be responsible for conducting an annual evaluation of school activity programs and presenting the results and any recommendations to the school board.

G. The school board will ensure that any funds raised for extracurricular activities are accurately accounted for in accordance with the state statute.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities)

Cross References: Board Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
Board Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 5, Various Educational Programs