

Policies of the Board of Education

Section I Students

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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(Student Activities)

The student activity program is an integral part of the total educational offering for Lake Country Schools. As such, it is subject to the same administrative controls as other educational programs. All school-sponsored activities involving students are to be conducted within the letter and spirit of rules and regulations addressing appropriate behavior and ethics. All student activities within the school, with other schools, and within the school community are to be conducted in a manner demonstrating respect for persons and property. All student activities, except those exempt in regulations shall meet the following guidelines:

- a) Student activities shall be open and available to all students.
- b) Student activities shall relate generally to the school program and not interfere with school operation.
- c) Students in each activity shall be required to select a faculty sponsor subject to acceptance by the faculty member and approval of the principal.
- d) Students in approved clubs and activities have the right to use school facilities and equipment at times and places in accordance with the school activities program.
- e) Student governments shall have the right to meet at least once a month before or after school.
- f) Expression of oral or written student opinions shall be encouraged but it may not be utilized to present material which:
 - 1. Has caused, is causing, or reasonably leads the principal to foresee substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities, or
 - 2. Endangers the health or safety of students, or
 - 3. Advocates the commission of a criminal act or is a criminal act as defined by the Criminal Code of the United States, the State of Wisconsin, or the County of Waukesha.

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4. Is libelous or slanderous (and is not privileged) in that it maliciously tends to besmirch the memory of one who is dead or the reputation of one who is alive, or to expose one to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or

5. Is obscene in that:

a) The average person applying community standards would find that it, taken as a whole, appeals to prurient interest in sex, or

b) is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for students, or

c) taken as a whole is without redeeming social importance for students and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

School Publications

Students are encouraged to establish school newspapers, yearbooks, literary magazines, and similar publications. The student editorial staff and faculty advisor shall establish editorial guidelines which promotes responsible journalism. Request for the establishment of student publications shall not be denied solely on the basis that their existence would compete with an established publication. Funding of these additional publications shall be at the option of the principal.

No person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of or be discriminated against in any curricular, extra curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

REFERENCE: Wisconsin State Statutes 118.13

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