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EXTRACURRICULAR* POLICY

[*Excluding Athletics]

I. PHILOSOPHY

The Batesville Community School Corporation agrees that extracurricular activities are desirable and that they constitute one of the invaluable heritages of all American youth:

- that the extracurricular activities are an important and vital part of the American educational system and that they have great potential to contribute to the sound growth and all around development of the students.
- that the standards and ideals established and practiced will influence greatly the youth, the school and community; and therefore, only the best traditions of good citizenship and conduct will be fostered.
- that the program of activities should conform to and be closely and wholly integrated with the administrative policies of the school to the end.
- that there shall be no undue interruptions or interferences with the established rules and principles. Extracurricular activities will be governed by rules established by the state sponsoring organizations and by those local regulations developed by Batesville Community School Corporation.
- that the will to be successful is a natural human trait and entirely desirable, but this urge, whether of individual or collective, is not to be attained at the price of unfair advantage or gained through violation of established rules and principles.
- that the welfare of the students takes precedence over any other interest.
- that all activities should be school controlled and school directed.
- that all activities should be considered in their right perspective with each other and with the rest of the school program.

II. OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION

- A. To provide a positive image of school activities in the school corporation.
- B. To ensure growth and development that will raise the number of individual participants; that will give impetus to increasing attendance at each activity.
- C. To provide opportunities that will allow the program to serve as a laboratory where students may cope with the problems and handle situations similar to those encountered under conditions prevailing in the contemporary world. The laboratory should provide adequate and natural opportunities for:
 1. Physical, mental and emotional growth and development.
 2. Acquisition and development of special skills in activities of each student's choice.
 3. Teamwork with the development of such commitments as loyalty, cooperation, fair play and other desirable social traits.
 4. A focus of interests on activity programs for the student body, faculty and community that will generate a feeling of unity.
 5. Achievement of initial goals as set by the school in general and the student as an individual.
 6. Provisions for worthy use of leisure time in later life.
 7. Participation by the most skilled that will enable these individuals to expand possibilities for future vocational pursuits.

III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONDUCT

As a student of Batesville High School (BHS), every individual becomes a personal representative of the student body, school, and community. Every student's conduct is under constant scrutiny and evaluation not only during the particular activity, but also at all other



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times, including school vacation periods; therefore, a student's appearance and conduct must be, at all times, beyond reproach. PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AT BATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT; a student is supposed to be a good example as a student, as a citizen, and as an activity participant to other students, parents and community members in Batesville and at other communities. Participation in an activity at BHS is allowed at the discretion of the sponsor of that activity, subject to review by the principal, in accordance with Indiana law and the requirements, where applicable, of minimum due process of law. In addition a student must meet or exceed those rules and regulations set forth by Batesville School Corporation and/or any other state sponsoring organization.

With this tremendous responsibility in mind, six general statements of policy regarding rules and regulations are applicable to all extracurricular participants of BHS. These rules and regulations will be adhered to by all sponsors and students.

A. Good Standing — the student must attain and maintain good standing throughout his/her activity career at BHS.

1. "Good Standing" as defined for use by the school corporation is the status that a student must attain and the level at which he/she must finish the activity. Losing "Good Standing" takes place when a student violates rules related to the following topics:
 - a. Eligibility rules of the sponsoring organization
 - b. Substance Abuse
 - c. Batesville Community School Corporation rules and regulations
 - d. Tobacco Products
 - e. Expulsion from activity
 - f. Expulsion from school
 - g. A violation not listed, but one which the Associate Principal and/or Principal deems serious enough to warrant loss of "Good Standing".
2. Penalties for loss of good standing shall be assessed. Since the rehabilitative and punitive measures prescribed for the various violations differ, each will be judged as prescribed in the individual school's Activity Handbook. To regain "Good Standing" the student must meet all phases of any penalties and/or rehabilitative measures assessed to him/her. When a student loses good standing, he/she:
 - a. Will be prohibited from participating in activities for a length of time as determined by the nature of the act and as prescribed in the Activity Handbook.
 - b. Will be expelled from the activity for those types of violations that call for expulsion.
 - c. Will not receive any awards if good standing is lost in an activity until he/she has reestablished good standing by serving penalties assessed. Once the penalty has been assessed and served then all awards may be given.
 - d. Subsequent violations may annul any and all awards for the activities in which the student is participating.

B. Standards, Rules, and Regulations established by the Batesville Community School Corporation herein to be called "Activity Handbook" are to be followed by all participants of all extracurricular activities.

1. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION — Students who do not attend school (all scheduled classes) are not permitted to participate in activities on that school day. Verified appointments do not affect activity participation.
2. ATTITUDE — A student shall display exemplary attitude, behavior and citizenship at all times, not just during a particular activity season. All rules and regulations are in effect and will be enforced all year!
3. RUMORS — A student will be called in by an advisor, sponsor, or administrator if information comes via the "rumor route". The student will be informed of the situation and updated on the consequence of



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unapproved conduct.

4. **LOST EQUIPMENT** — The student must return all equipment/material issued to him/her. If the equipment/material is lost and/or stolen, the student must pay the school the amount required to replace the missing item(s). The student will not receive any awards until all equipment/material is accounted for either by returning or paying restitution.
5. **QUITTING THE ACTIVITY/ORGANIZATION** —A student who quits will not receive any awards