

**WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

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DISTRICT ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy

The goal of the district is to conduct an athletic and activities program that supports the vision themes of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District. As an integral part of the education process, West Linn-Wilsonville athletics and activities makes a significant contribution to the personal growth and development of students. Our focus is on skill development, self-esteem, peer relationships, and sportsmanship.

Participation

The district policy for athletics and activities is rooted in the "no-cut" philosophy. The "no cut" philosophy means that any student who tries out for a sport will automatically make a team provided that district, school, and team expectations are met. The only exceptions are a senior trying out for a team sport (i.e., football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer, and softball) may be cut because of league rules, and the dance and cheerleading programs.

Middle School

The purpose of middle level athletics and activities is to meet the educational and developmental needs of middle level students. This purpose is inconsistent with the concept that middle level athletic programs ought to serve as feeder programs for their neighboring high schools. The compatibility of middle level academics and athletics can best be served when athletic and activity programs are provided to students by the school district. Middle level athletics and activities should encourage total participation for all interested students and therefore support a "no cut" philosophy.

Facility Use

The district athletics and activities programs are to receive first priority in scheduling at all times. The following is the facility use prioritization process:

1. Any school district function or school related activity.
2. Community education activities. (Youth first)
3. Civic and government agency activities, such as City Council, Planning Commission, Neighborhood Association, Scout groups, church groups, civic meetings, etc (excludes gym use.) (Youth first)
4. Non-Profit recreation groups (basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, etc.)
5. For-Profit recreation groups (basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, etc.)

The following time slots will be reserved on weekdays:

3:00-6:00 pm. School Teams; except later on game days

6:00-8:30 pm. Youth Teams

8:30 pm.-On Adults Use

School-Affiliated Clubs

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District will work with school-affiliated clubs based on the following established process and criteria. The district will sanction a school-affiliated club only under the following conditions:

1. The club is recognized and sanctioned by a state-wide association.
2. There is a trained adult coach or adult advisor, in sufficient numbers to provide proper supervision.
3. There is a person in the district designated to act as liaison with the sanctioned club.
4. The district will not be involved in the financial affairs of the club, and will not receive or expend monies on behalf of any club.
5. All students participating must have a properly completed health insurance form and a valid physical exam prior to participation.
6. All students participating must follow all school and OSAA eligibility guidelines.
7. The club must have an established criteria, accepted by a District Athletic Director, for earning a "letter" from their school.

Athletic and Activity Programs

The district will not support non-affiliated clubs that conflict with "in-season" District organized athletics and activities. Summer leagues are beyond the purview of the District's interests, other than facility use. All summer camps and clinics are run through both cities Park & Rec. Departments.

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District has created a description of our athletic and activity programs that is represented in a chart of tiers. Five tiers illustrate opportunities for students that range from non-competitive activities up through competitive athletics. Tier 1 represents athletics sanctioned by the Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA). If the OSAA sponsors a state championship in that sport then our school district will fund the activity. Tier 2 represents the school-affiliated clubs. Tier 3 contains competitive activities. The difference between Tier 4 and Tier 5 non-competitive activities is based on whether or not students are charged the activity fee of \$100. If the students pay the activity fee, then the advisor will be hired and paid.

END OF POLICY