

654 ATTENDANCE AT MSHSL EXTRACURRICULAR STATE LEVEL COMPETITION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to professional staff, parents and students regarding attendance at MSHSL extracurricular state level competitions.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district recognizes that parents depend on schools to function according to a board-approved calendar and any divergence from operating on schedule produces problems for parents and students. Interruption to the regular educational programs should be minimized as much as possible, including when our students become involved in MSHSL State Tournament competition.

III. GUIDELINES

In order for the schools in our district to remain open and operational if we become involved in MSHSL State Tournament competitions, the district will implement the following guidelines:

- A. Coaches or supervisors within the relevant program, e.g. basketball, from grades 9 through 12, will be excused to attend without loss of salary, as will the Activities Director, Cheerleader Advisor and Pep Band Director.
- B. Faculty members who have children as team members will have preference for personal leave from the building and the percent of allowable excused faculty may be waived.
- C. MSHSL policies governing team member numbers, cheerleaders and bands shall prevail for purposes of state tournaments.
- D. Non-participating students who plan to attend a state tournament must have tickets and have permission from parents/guardians to be excused. Students will be encouraged to use fan bus transportation.
- E. If varsity squad members of a team sport must be eliminated from a tournament squad because of MSHSL limits, the district Activities Director shall be given the authority to purchase tickets at school expense for those having been eliminated, if he/she chooses to do so.
- F. In the event of omissions in the above guidelines involving students, faculty or other district employees, further decisions on tournament attendance will be made by the Superintendent.

- G. Any students, whether participants or spectators, who are allowed to attend state events shall be expected to represent our school and our community in a manner that will present good sportsmanship and which follows our Code of Conduct.

Cross References:

Policy 504 (Code of Conduct)

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