

## **5.6 -- INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES**

The Board of Education believes that appropriate learning experiences must be provided outside the regular classroom for the learning process for students to be complete. Therefore, the Superintendent or his designee shall develop and maintain a program of interscholastic and extracurricular activities in the Van Buren School District that emphasizes participation of all students.

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the District will adhere to the policies established by the Arkansas Activities Association as minimum requirements for participation in interscholastic and extracurricular activities. These activities are intended to be supplemental rather than a substitute for the basic educational programs, and as such shall be guided by at least the following:

1. Shall be of educational value to the participants.
2. Shall not interfere with the regular classroom instruction, except under extenuating circumstances.
3. Absences from class shall be kept to a minimum. No activity shall be scheduled which requires students to be absent from school for more than three (3) consecutive days. An exception may be made for competitive activities at the State level sponsored or sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association.
4. A student may participate in as many activities as he/she is capable of participating in without fear of reprisal, except that a school principal may limit participation based on a required grade point average.

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