



## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AND SPORTSMANSHIP**

The Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors recognizes the value of a broad range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities in the educational process and the values that students develop when they have the opportunity to participate in organized activities outside the traditional classroom. A primary goal of the Mount Vernon School District's extracurricular and co-curricular program is the promotion of good sportsmanship and the development of life skills. These activities also provide an invaluable venue for developing friendships and close partnerships among diverse components of the student body.

All participants in extra- and co-curricular activities shall demonstrate the same level of responsibility and behavior at practice and competitions as is expected in the classroom. The School Board further encourages the promotion of positive sportsmanship among parents, fans, spirit groups and booster clubs who attend and support students at events.

The School Board acknowledges that interscholastic sports are a key and somewhat unique component of the educational program – one that can be prone to an emphasis on winning competitions at the expense of more important life lessons, such as hard work, self-discipline, collaboration, coping with adversity, and respect for others. Respect for coaches and teammates is fundamental as is a clear and constant show of respect for the dedication and hard work of game officials and opponents. The success of our sports program will be judged by the degree to which these life skills are effectively taught by our coaches and learned by our players, rather than by the win/loss record.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop procedures outlining expectations for participants, coaches/advisors, and spectators/fans, to promote sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics.

Cross References:	WIAA Handbook	
Legal References:	RCW 28A.600.200	Interscholastic athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students, regulation of—
		Delegation, conditions
	RCW 69.41.340	Student athletics—Violations—Penalty