

# Stevenson High School

## Student Activities and Intramurals

### VISION AND VALUES

#### **I. Purpose Statement**

*An individual's total education extends beyond the classroom. The purpose of an effective co-curricular program (Student Activities and Intramurals) must be to provide each student with opportunities for emotional, cultural, mental, physical, and social growth. This growth can be accomplished through activities that support and advance the curriculum, promote common interests, develop a sense of ownership in the school, and reflect and enhance the goals of our school.*

In order to accomplish this purpose, the co-curricular program should exhibit the following characteristics:

- 1) *High level of participation*
- 2) *Equal access for all students*
- 3) *Responsiveness to students' interests/talents*
- 4) *Faculty participation/support*
- 5) *Interaction with parents and community*
- 6) *Diverse opportunities*
- 7) *School/community service*
- 8) *Development of leadership qualities*
- 9) *Enjoyable experiences and encouraging of friendships based on shared interests*
- 10) *Promotion of a curiosity about and an interest in many different activities*
- 11) *Development and demonstration of students' talents and skills*
- 12) *Management by skilled and effective sponsors and coaches*

The following purpose statement was developed through the co-curricular task force in 1992, reinforced in the 1999 and adopted by the Board of Education and reinforced in 2006 by Co-Curricular Task Force.

## **II. Vision and Values**

*The expectations and responsibilities for the following stakeholders: students, sponsors, administrative and parents.*

### **A. Expectations and Responsibilities of Student Activities/Intramural Participants**

1. The Student Activities/Intramural participants of Stevenson High School will be committed to the school activities program on and off-season by:
  - Following the rules set by the sponsors and the school.
  - Participating enthusiastically.
  - Making appropriate personal sacrifices for the good of the club/activity.
  - Recognizing that student participation in the club/activity is a privilege.
  - Setting challenging and realistic goals.
  - Maintaining high academic standards.
  - Being committed to skill development in the club/activity.
2. The Student Activities/Intramural participants of Stevenson High School will communicate openly and honestly with respect for sponsors, peers, parents, officials, and opponents by:
  - Developing a positive team attitude.
  - Being respectful.
  - Sharing appropriate individual and club/activity concerns with the sponsors.
3. The Student Activities/Intramural participants of Stevenson High School will demonstrate good citizenship and sportsmanship by:
  - Behaving with integrity.
  - Exhibiting pride in the club/activity and school.
  - Participating by the rules.
  - Accepting responsibility as a role model for others.
  - Supporting other clubs/activities.
  - Participating with dignity and maturity, regardless of the situation.
4. The Student Activities/Intramural participants of Stevenson High School will develop and maintain mental and physical (health) behaviors by:
  - Being alcohol and drug free.
  - Practicing self-discipline.
  - Demonstrating good personal health habits.
  - Dealing with challenges in a positive manner.

### **B. Expectations and Responsibilities of Sponsors**

1. The sponsor will act professionally and keep the role of sponsor in proper perspective by:
  - Developing and communicating clear and specific goals for the club/team and individual participants throughout the activity.
  - Maintaining open and honest communication with students, parents, and other sponsors.
  - Developing and demonstrating a good knowledge base of the best practice specific to their club/activity.
  - Supporting and collaborating with sponsors in other Student Activities/Intramural club or teams.
  - Modeling and teaching skills necessary to succeed.
  - Supporting student academic expectations, responsibilities, and achievements.
  - Developing the knowledge and understanding of Stevenson's policies and procedures as it applies to Student Activities/Intramurals.
  - Promoting and enforcing the Student Activities Code of Conduct.
  
2. The sponsors will be positive role models of personal management, appearance, ethics, and behavior by:
  - Connecting club/team experiences with life experiences.
  - Providing an atmosphere of teamwork and collaboration among sponsors and students.
  - Becoming an integral part of, and developing rapport with, the Stevenson community including administration, sponsors, parents, and students.
  - Modeling good sportsmanship at all times.
  - Creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment.
  - Understanding their leadership style and its impact.
  - Considering important commitments of students outside their club or activity.

C. Expectations and Responsibilities of the Administrative Leadership Team

1. The Administrative Leadership Team will provide the best available facilities for participants in activities and intramurals, ensuring safety and quality at all times by:
  - Scheduling for effective allocation and maximum utilization of facilities.
  - Prioritizing requests for sponsors and Buildings and Grounds for maintenance and improvements.
  - Developing a strong relationship among Building and Grounds, Maintenance, and Student Activities/Intramural sponsors.
  
2. The Administrative Leadership Team of Stevenson High School will ensure a level

of excellence in Student Activities/Intramural sponsors by:

- Seeking out and hiring Student Activities/Intramural sponsors with excellent qualifications, experience and motivation.
  - Providing opportunities for continuing growth for Student Activities/Intramural sponsors (i.e. clinics, camps, etc.).
  - Providing guidelines and expectations through a Sponsor's Handbook and/or a lunch at the beginning of the school year.
  - Facilitating effective end of the year club reviews with each Student Activities/Intramural sponsor and seeking their input for program improvement.
3. The Administrative Leadership Team of Stevenson High School will establish, maintain, and ensure the enforcement of an activities code of conduct by:
- Providing a reasonable and fair Student Activities Code of Conduct.
  - Educating students, sponsors, parents, and community members as to the bylaws of the code of conduct.
  - Facilitating effective collaboration between Stevenson High School athletics and co-curricular programs.
  - Enforcing the Student Activities Code of Conduct.
4. The Administrative Leadership Team of Stevenson High School will demonstrate they value Student Activities/Intramural programs by:
- Attending Student Activities/Intramural events of various clubs and intramural teams.
  - Developing rapport regarding Student Activities, student leaders, sponsors, parents, and the community at large.
  - Ensuring the fair recognition of participants in Student Activities/Intramural programs.
5. The Administrative Leadership Team of Stevenson High School will encourage and promote sportsmanship and community participation by:
- Becoming role models of good sportsmanship.
  - Ensuring the Stevenson High School community will become educated in regard to IHSA Sportsmanship Bylaws.
  - Ensuring consistent enforcement of IHSA Sportsmanship Bylaws.
6. The Administrative Leadership Team of Stevenson High School will maintain an open channel of communication regarding Student Activities/Intramural

programs by:

- Creating mechanisms for communication between each group of stakeholders.
- Ensuring participants operate in a safe and healthy environment.

D. Expectations and Responsibilities of Parents

1. The parents will communicate fairly and openly with Student Activities/Intramural sponsors by:

- Communicating openly, honestly and respectfully.
- Communicating issues and concerns in a timely manner including those of physical and emotional well-being on behalf of their student.
- Following an appropriate chain of communication such as:
  - Student/Sponsor
  - Activities Director/Intramurals Coordinator
  - Principal/Superintendent
- Attending parent meetings.
- Reading information disseminated by the sponsors.

2. The parents will demonstrate exemplary citizenship by displaying the following behaviors:

- Supporting sponsors and officials to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all students.
- Understanding that club activities and competitions are created for students.
- Recognizing that student participation in Student Activities/Intramurals is a privilege for the student.
- Using good sportsmanship as a spectator and conducting themselves in a manner that reflects well on both the club/team and the school.
- Promoting the club/team by being supportive and helpful of the school program.
- Expecting consistent student attendance at club activities/practices, events and competitions.

3. The parents will create a positive and supportive environment to promote student well-being by:

- Supporting good conditioning and healthy life style habits.
- Placing the emotional and physical well-being of their student ahead of

any personal desire to win.

- Expecting their student to play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Supporting their student in planning how to meet their academic responsibilities given the demands of training and practice.
- Being a role model for other parents by remaining positive at Student Activities/Intramural events.