

**COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

The Conway School Board encourages all students to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities to enhance their learning experience. Students wishing to form clubs or begin new activities must see the principal.

Any program of student activities will:

1. Provide that all student participation be on a voluntary basis;
2. Require that student activity funds should be used for purposes which benefit the student body of the school;
3. Require that management of student funds, in accordance with Policy IGDG, will be the responsibility of the students under the direction of the administration and advisor;
4. Permit the formation of student unions, student clubs, and other student groups organized to promote or pursue specialized athletic, social service, and social activities.
5. Secret societies are prohibited.
6. All organizations are subject to free access by all students.
7. Any student organization must have an advisor or an authorized sponsor, who must be present at all meetings and sponsored events.
8. The program of student activities is subject to Board approval. All programs must comply with School Board policies.
9. See accompanying rules and procedures for Criteria to add sports and team levels within the Conway School District.

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## Criteria for Adding Sports and Team Levels within Conway School District

When considering the addition of any sport or team within Conway School District, the following criteria will be used by the Athletic Department and the Co curricular Committee to guide recommendations to the Athletic Director and the Conway School Board.

1. The sport must have existed effectively as a club or as a recreational department sport for at least two (2) years before a request for official CSB sanction can be made. This effectively refers to participation, coaching, equipment, scheduling, facilities scheduling and officials.
2. All sports at KMS and KHS must be able to demonstrate, through actual participants and survey results, that there are sufficient numbers of interested student athletes to justify the addition of the sport and its continuation.
3. It must be demonstrated that there are adequate facilities (practice and games) available to the sport, at reasonable times, without taking away from the necessities of existing teams. The additional facility use must not interfere with regular scheduled maintenance programs or create a situation of above normal wear and tear to a facility.
4. There must be a sufficient pool of qualified officials and coaches to provide for safe and efficient operations of activity.
5. A competitive schedule must be possible with teams within a reasonable distance from Conway so that the student athletes' academic preparation is not adversely affected. The schedule must minimize the disruption of the normal academic climate.
6. The Kennett Athletic Department and the Co curricular Committee have discretion to decide what new sport addition would best complement our existing program. Any sport that is added must fit into a balanced athletic program that provides for the needs of a wide variety of the school population. Consideration must be given to the balance of opportunities available for males and females.
7. A sport that is to be added to the program should not infringe upon a similar current Kennett High School or Kennett Middle School sport to the point that both teams are diluted in talent and competitiveness with other teams.
8. Any sport, current or proposed, cannot pose an unusual safety risk for the student athletes, coaches, officials or spectators.
9. The addition of the sport should be in keeping with our climate and general location.
10. A new sport/team to be added to the Kennett athletic programs will be totally self-sustained financially for the first three years of Kennett recognition. **Equitable funding of sanctioned athletic programs will be discussed on an annual basis.** Funds for a new sport/team will be paid to the Conway School District in time for sport specific scheduling (up to one year in advance) and disbursed by the Athletic Department. Coaches will be hired by the Conway School Board. The new sport/team will follow all Athletic Department policies and NHIAA rules.
11. **As of 8/2009 ice hockey and lacrosse are grandfathered, as they have already been in operation.**

