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908 SCHEDULING OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is provide guidelines for scheduling of student activities on Sundays, Wednesday evenings, and holidays.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The NRHEG Public Schools values the support and involvement of families and community organizations/members. In order to demonstrate the importance of this support and involvement, the District will schedule its student activities, contests and practices in a manner that would be predictable and show respect for other family and community events. Additionally, the District encourages students to become involved in other community and family sponsored activities, and assures students and their parents that the school staff will reflect this belief by encouraging such participation and not penalizing students who elect community and/or family sponsored activities instead of school activities.

III. SCHEDULING STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAYS

- A. Bylaw 411.00 of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) prevents “the scheduling of practice, games, meetings, pictures or scrimmages on a Sunday for all League-sponsored activities. (Dance team and cheerleading may request an exception to the policy to perform at a national level.)”
- B. Per the MSHSL bylaws, it is the policy of the NRHEG Public Schools to not allow the scheduling of practice, games/competitions, meetings, pictures or scrimmages on a Sunday for all MSHSL-sponsored activities. NRHEG will adhere to all MSHSL bylaws for grades 7-12.
- C. For MSHSL–NRHEG sponsored activities, requests to hold a field trip on Sunday must have the approval of the Activities Director or Building Principal with notification to the Superintendent. The process for requesting a Sunday field trip will be determined by the Activities Director and Building Principal and communicated to coaches.
- D. For non MSHSL-NRHEG sponsored activities, Sunday events, including practices, competitions, games, meetings pictures, scrimmages, and the like, are allowed.

As part of allowing Sunday events, whether it be a stand-alone event or regularly scheduled events, are not be required of the students. Sunday events must meet the same scope of value as non-Sunday events. Students will not be negatively impacted in their role with the activity group if they do not participate in Sunday events.

Coaches, Directors, and Advisors must advertise to the students and families upon registering that Sunday events may be included, but not required, in the non MSHSL-NRHEG sponsored activity.

The NRHEG School District reserves the right to modify the allowance of Sunday events for a particular district-sponsored activity if said activity group is found to be out of

compliance with the expectations stated. In such cases, the district's, School Board approved, decision will include a start date and end date for the discontinuance of Sunday events. The district's decision may not be appealed and are considered final.

IV. SCHEDULING STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- A. School activities including practices, games/competitions, meetings, field trips, and scrimmages, are restricted from occurring on Wednesdays after 5:45 pm. Exceptions must have the approval of the Activities Director, Community Education Director or Building Principal, and notification to the Superintendent. (Examples: Rescheduled events due to weather cancellations or other unpredictable occurrence; state-level tournament games, adult or family identified programming, etc.)
- B. Students who attend community/family activities on Wednesday after 5:45 pm will be excused from school activities and practices and will not be penalized for electing community/family activities rather than school activities.

V. SCHEDULING STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON HOLIDAYS AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- A. MSHSL bylaws do not prevent scheduling games on a legal holiday; however, the MSHSL Board discourages schools from scheduling games on legal holidays and withholds sanctions for those events requiring a sanction.
- B. It is the policy of the NRHEG Public Schools to not allow the scheduling of practice, games/competitions, meetings, pictures or scrimmages on the following legal holidays: Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day. This includes NRHEG Community Education activities. Exceptions must have the approval of the Activities Director, Community Education Director or Building Principal, and notification to the Superintendent. (Examples: Rescheduled events due to weather cancellations or other unpredictable occurrence; marching band performances in parades, adult or family identified programming, etc.). In addition, all student activities are discouraged from scheduling games/competitions on other legal holidays including: MLK, President's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Coaches must inform the Activities Director of plans to hold practice on all legal holidays listed.
- C. Per 2019 Minnesota State Statute 204.03: *Public Meetings Prohibited on Election Day*, along with MSHSL Bylaw 411.00, no school activities may be scheduled between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the day that a regularly scheduled election is held in any political subdivision in which the school is located. For a Precinct Caucus Day, activities may not be scheduled after 6:00 pm.

VI. ASSIGNING SCHOOLWORK

- A. Major assignments of schoolwork will be given in advance if the project is due on Thursday. This will allow students sufficient time to complete the necessary work or preparation without spending time on Wednesday evening.

References: Bylaw 411.00 Scheduling of Contests -- Minnesota State High School League Official Handbook; 2019-2020
2019 Minnesota State Statute 204.03 Public Meetings Prohibited on Election Day