

211 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Beliefs

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) follows cultural and traditional teachings of the Maskwacis Cree, in particular Wahkohtowin. Wahkohtowin is the belief that all things are related and connected, that all of existence has spirit and that living in a good way requires us to maintain good relationships with each other and other aspects of existence. We recognize that respect for mother earth, elders, youth, and the Treaties are paramount to planning ahead and making decisions for future generations.

MESC recognizes the general educational value from the provision of extracurricular activities for students and desires that well-regulated activities be organized and administered within the scope of the total school program.

Procedures

1. Extra-curricular activities are school activities, sanctioned and controlled by the Principal, which offer students opportunities that extend beyond the curriculum.
2. The purpose of extra-curricular activities shall be to enhance learning, not detracting from the curricular program, and operating on the principle of voluntary student participation.
3. The school extra-curricular program is to provide for a diversity of opportunities for participation and the level of student interest and availability of volunteer supervisory staff shall be a prime consideration in defining the range of activities available.
4. Teachers and support staff participation in extracurricular activities is voluntary but encouraged.
5. The scope and range of such activities shall also be limited by the availability of finances from school-based budgets or funds raised from alternative sources.
6. The Principal shall approve all extra-curricular activities, and submit to the Superintendent a written summary for final approval of all excursions (refer to AP 210):

- 6.1. Those involving more than three instructional days duration,
 - 6.2. Those to destinations out of province; and
 - 6.3. Combinations of 6.1 and 6.2 above.
7. All Parents/Guardians/Caregivers, caring for students under 18 years of age, shall be informed in writing as to the relevant details of the activity and shall provide written/electronic consent to participate on behalf of their awâsisak. (Refer to Form 210: FIELD TRIP/OFF-SITE ACTIVITY FORM)
 8. All students aged 18 years or older, and those aged 16-17 who are living independently, shall be informed in writing as to the relevant details of the activity and shall provide written/electronic consent to participate on their own behalf.
 9. Consent to participate forms shall be maintained on file for a two-year period;
 10. The Principal may establish rules of conduct for students' participation in extracurricular activities.
 11. Principals, in providing orientation for staff extra-curricular leaders, shall discuss with them the following:
 - 11.1. Philosophy/Purpose;
 - 11.2. Where applicable consult "[School Physical Activity, Health & Education Resource for Safety \(SPHEReS\)](#)." and/or Safety Guidelines for Secondary Inter-School Athletics in Alberta
 - 11.3. Playing time (if a team);
 - 11.4. Supervision expectations;
 - 11.5. Discipline procedures;
 - 11.6. Communication with the home;
 - 11.7. Finances/fundraising;
 - 11.8. Transportation procedures; and
 - 11.9. Use of facilities and equipment.

Reference:

AP 210

Traffic Safety Act Safety

School Physical Activity, Health & Education Resource for Safety (SPHEReS).

Safety Guidelines for Secondary Inter-School Athletics in Alberta