

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



EDUCATIONAL VALUES OF ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

The Winner Board of Education believes in interscholastic athletics and activities. The Board believes that the welfare of the individual student is always a primary concern. The games/activities exist for the student -- not the student for the games/activities.

The Board believes that there are substantial educational outcomes from a soundly conceived and executed program in both activities and athletics. The Board also believes that the potential values to the participants are genuine. Rigorous competition under prescribed regulations and policies provide boys and girls the opportunity to develop ideas and habits of health, self-esteem, fair play, initiative, emotional control, and achievement. Moreover, a proper activities/athletic program helps students realize that they must take responsibility for their actions.

The Winner Board of Education believes that students can be taught to win and lose, gracefully, in both activities and athletics.

The Board believes that athletics/activities supports tangible values for the student body. Both activities and athletics can make a substantial contribution to morale, and can provide a positive outlet for constructive enthusiasm. Therefore, the Board believes that the athletic/activities program does justify its existence by providing profitable educational experiences for the participants at a minimal cost of between one percent and three percent of the school district's budget.