

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



**PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS**

The purpose of interscholastic athletics within the Winner School District is to offer opportunities in athletics to all boys and girls. Moreover, it is the intent of the Winner School's athletic program to satisfy and further student interest in properly supervised competition. The Winner District's athletic program will stress, however, not only competition but health and physical fitness.

**OBJECTIVES OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

It is the intent of the Winner School District to provide a wholesome and comprehensive athletic program that will:

- a. Develop the idea that the athletic program is but one facet of the total school program, and is secondary to academics.
- b. Stress and encourage always, the importance of good scholarship.
- c. Develop in youngsters the will to compete fairly, and have fun while doing so.
- d. Develop each participant's knowledge and use of the fundamental skills needed to participate in his/her chosen sport. Included within this area are a better understanding of one's self worth (self responsibility, self confidence and respect for others become an important part of one's life).
- e. Increase each participant's understanding & appreciation of all sports.
- f. Stress sound moral, physical and mental health.
- g. Prepare each participant to further her/his participation in sports to the fullest of his/her ability, and to learn the importance of maximum effort.
- h. Encourage boys and girls to participate in athletics, with a stress on teamism. Teamism includes the ideals of: (1) teamwork, sportsmanship, and helping each other cope with both success and failure.
- i. Develop good community relationships and attitudes towards athletics. Stress that the student-athlete become a contributing part of the community.
- j. Help maintain the highest possible standards in athletic competition.
- k. Work for any needed improvements in athletics within the school system.
- l. Develop and promote the values of physical fitness and health.
- m. Direct communication by coaches at an early team and parental meeting. This includes discussion about the sport and how coaches and parents can work together in a positive manner.