

## **Wabasha-Kellogg Public Schools Policy**

### **602-1 PARTICIPATION IN AND ATTENDANCE AT MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (MSHSL) STATE TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide school attendance guidelines for teams and individuals participating in state tournaments and competitions. The policy will also provide guidelines for student, staff and fan attendance at such events.

#### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of the Wabasha-Kellogg School District that pre-kindergarten through grade 12 classes be in session when Wabasha-Kellogg teams or individuals participate in a state tournament or competition that falls on a regularly scheduled school day. While co-curricular activities offer valuable experiences for students, academic instruction is a primary mission of the School District.

The School District recognizes that parents may want their children to attend state tournament or competition events in which Wabasha-Kellogg teams or individuals participate. The School District also recognizes the interest of staff in supporting student participation and knows staff may want to attend these events.

Parents must provide a written excuse for their children to attend a state tournament or competition. The school will recognize this as an excused absence.

Staff will also be allowed to attend such events as long as sufficient personnel remain on site to keep school in session.

#### **III. GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS (INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM)**

- A. The individual or team must follow MSHSL guidelines for participation.
- B. Varsity coaches will attend and supervise participants.
- C. Participants will be excused from school to attend all state tournament activities related to their participation.
- D. Participants are required to return once competition is completed or as directed by MSHSL Guidelines.

#### **IV. GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT NON-PARTICIPANTS**

- A. An excused absence will be granted to attend state tournaments and competitions when;

1. A parent permission note is received in the Student Services Office prior to the event, and;
2. The student remains in school until the designated dismissal time.

B. Transportation

1. A fan bus may be arranged by the district if enough students request or
2. A student may provide their own transportation

**V. GUIDELINES FOR STAFF NON-PARTICIPANTS**

- A. Staff may be allowed to attend with a leave request (personal, scheduled PTO, vacation, or similar leave type that would allow for an absence of this type to occur) approved by the principal, based on, among other factors, availability of substitutes.
- B. Staff attendance may be denied if limited substitutes are available.
- C. The leave request approval process will be based first on family relationship to student participants, and then seniority.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. §120 A.40 (School Calendar)  
Minn. Stat. § 120A.41 (Length of School Year; Days of Instruction)  
Minn. Stat. § 120A.42 (Holidays)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.031, Subd.1(d) (Implementing the Profile of Learning)  
Minn. Stat. § 124.19 (Requirements for Aid Generally)  
127 A.41, Subd. 7 (Distribution of School Aids; Appropriation)

***Cross References:*** Minnesota State High School League Guide Lines