

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

A primary goal of the Western Dubuque School District activity program is to teach good sportsmanship to students. Good sportsmanship is the overt display of the concepts of fair play, respect for others, ethical behavior and personal integrity. Good sportsmanship is really good citizenship. The concepts associated with sportsmanship are to be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom, on the playground, and in all activity programs within the district.

The Board of Education encourages the district's administration and staff to persevere in teaching good sportsmanship behaviors and expecting participants and spectators alike to demonstrate good sportsmanship behaviors. The Board supports administrative attempts to reinforce good sportsmanship behaviors when they occur and to deal effectively and decisively with cases of unsportsmanlike conduct when they occur. This includes the removal from the event and/or banishment from future events for a reasonable time of any spectator (student or adult) whose behavior significantly violates the concepts of good sportsmanship.

In short, the Board expects and requires all individuals connected with this district, as a spectator, to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the same standards of good sportsmanship that we are attempting to teach our students. The failure of any person to follow these standards should be handled by the administration taking the appropriate action.

Any spectator, adult or student, who violates the good sportsmanship policy will be warned and/or suspended from attending any home or away event where their respective school is participating.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 279.8, 279.9, 282.4, 716.7, 716.8 (2003)
Henley v. Octorara Area School District, 701 F. Supp. 545 (E.D. Pa. 1988)

Cross Reference: 504.6, Student Activity Program
503.4, Student Good Conduct

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