

Sanctioning of Sports Policy

The Board of Education desires to cooperate with organizations outside the school structure who wish to provide activities for school age children.

Certain such organizations have requested that the school district “sanction” their teams since it is necessary for teams to be “sanctioned” by a public school district in order to be eligible to compete in the tournaments sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

It is the understanding and intent of the Board of Education that “sanctioning” a sport or team DOES NOT mean that the Board of Dansville Schools assumes or accepts responsibility for supervising or monitoring any aspect of the program, including selection of coaches, scheduling of practices and athletic events, and/or supervising the activities of the youngsters participating in the program(s). Dansville Schools DOES NOT AND WILL NOT assume or accept responsibility of any of the above with regard to “sanctioned” sports or programs.

Prior approval must be obtained from the Board of Education on an annual basis. The Board of Education requires the following to be presented at least thirty days prior to the Board granting or denying the activity being sanctioned.

- Name of coaches
- Evidence of criminal history check of coaches
- Schedule of practice and contests
- Anticipated costs, specifying any or all costs to the School District
- This agreement signed and submitted

“Sanction” of a sport or program DOES mean that, if granted, the School District will extend the following privileges:

1. Facilities may be used if the organization submits a Building Request Form. School events will take precedence over outside school group use of the building.
2. Transportation on school buses will be provided as approved by the Board on an annual basis, subject to availability of buses and in accordance with the provisions of law (see MCL 380.1333).
3. The sponsoring organization and adult in charge agrees to abide by all requirements as set forth by MHSAA in the current “Handbook,” and all Board of Education policies.
4. The sponsoring organization and adults in charge agree in writing to assume all responsibility for coaches and other adults working with students, behavior of students, scheduling, all equipment, uniforms, and any other thing not specifically and knowingly assumed in writing by the Board.

5. The school will assist the organization by confirming enrollment and grade status to provide activities for students.
6. Awards may be given to sanctioned teams, or individual team members, that competes while representing Dansville High School.

Subject to the above terms and conditions, Dansville School Board of Education may, on a program-by-program basis, decide to grant “sanction” status to any particular program, for not more than one season or year at a time.

We have read and agree to the above terms to be “sanctioned” by Dansville Schools.

Program Chairperson

Coach

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