

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PHILOSOPHY

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Juneau School District believes that co-curricular activities play a critical role in the development of our middle school students. Our coaches and advisors work to improve individual and team performance and to promote character, leadership and sportsmanship within inclusive, safe, competitive, and developmentally appropriate programs.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PURPOSE

- The primary goal of middle school activities is to maximize participation of students.
- Middle school programs will maximize the enjoyment of all participants.
- Middle school programs will enhance self-esteem and develop fundamental social and physical skills within a safe and positive environment.

PARTICIPATION

- Intramural and intermural activities will be offered with comparable emphasis at both middle schools.
- There is a no-cut policy, which allows all eligible students to participate in any activity at either the intramural or intermural level.
- The middle school programs, coaches, and advisors, will encourage students to explore multiple activities.
- Middle school coaches and advisors will offer equitable playing time for all eligible students.

EXPECTATIONS

- Middle school coaches and advisors must successfully complete the National Federation course: Coaching Sports in Middle Schools.
- Middle school coaches and advisors will be knowledgeable about the nature of developmentally responsive middle school programs and will manage programs and teams according to these principles.
- Academic performance and eligibility will be monitored for each activity according to JSD school board policy.

Definitions:

**Intramural:* involving only students at the same school

**Intermural:* involving two or more schools, cities, etc.

**Equitable playing time:* equitable playing time during competitions and/or performances based on participation in practices and any personal safety considerations.