

<b>MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3</b>	<b>NEPN Code: KGB</b>
<b>SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS</b>	

## **PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

School sponsored co-curricular activities are an important part of our schools' programs because they offer our students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities not offered during the regular school day. Marion School District welcomes and encourages attendance at and support of co-curricular activities by guests, parents and district patrons. As a condition of such attendance, they must comply with the Marion School District's rules and policies. Attending such activities should be a positive experience with all comments and actions being supportive rather than disruptive or derogatory.

Spectators will not be allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of the students participating, with other spectators, or with the performance of employees and officials supervising the school sponsored or approved co-curricular activity. Understanding that good sportsmanship is good citizenship, spectators, like student participants, are expected to display appropriate behavior. The failure of spectators to do so is not only disruptive but embarrassing to the students, the school district, and the entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate without fear of interference and to permit the sponsors and officials of school sponsored co-curricular activities to perform their duties without Marion School District interference, the following provisions are in effect at home or away activities involving students:

1. Abusive verbal or physical conduct of spectators directed at or interfering with the performance of participants, officials, or sponsors of school sponsored co-curricular activities or directed at other spectators will not be tolerated.
2. If a spectator at a co-curricular activity becomes physically or verbally abusive, uses vulgar, obscene, or demeaning language, or in any way impedes the performance of an activity, the spectator will be warned by the individual in charge of the event or if the action is considered by a reasonable person to be of a very serious nature, will be removed from the event.
3. Upon notice of a warning or a removal from an event, the Superintendent shall notify the spectator involved that future infractions may lead to exclusion of the individual from school district activities and events. If the spectator fails to assure the school that he/she would not repeat the misconduct, the school would have reason to conclude that this lack of assurance would indicate that his/her inappropriate conduct might be repeated.
4. If a non-student has been excluded from attending activities, he/she may request the Superintendent to coordinate a meeting with the offender and three members of the Sportsmanship committee, as set by the Superintendent, to review the incident(s).
5. The excluded spectator may appeal the Sportsmanship Committee's decision to the School Board for further review.
6. If the excluded spectator disobeys the school official or the district's order, law enforcement authorities may be contacted and be asked to remove the spectator. If a spectator has been notified of exclusion and thereafter attends a school sponsored or approved extracurricular activity, the spectator will be advised that his/her attendance may result in prosecution or other legal consequences.

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