

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

The members of the Capital Area Activities Conference recognize interscholastic athletics as extra-curricular in nature and part of a student's total educational experience. Therefore, the Conference supports only those activities and schedules that are educationally and physically sound for student participants and subscribes to the following:

We believe the Board of Education (having legal authority) should delegate full and complete responsibility for the athletic program to the superintendent, and the superintendent will delegate the authority as the local situation may require. In all instances, this delegated authority will rest with the high school principal. The principal may delegate further responsibilities to the athletic director or faculty designee.

We believe each school should maintain an overall athletic policy consistent with the codes for the administration of athletics found in the *MHSAA Handbook*.

We believe those persons holding responsible positions in other schools' athletic programs should be protected from undue influence to the extent that any classroom teacher enjoys protection.

We believe good citizenship and good sportsmanship are the chief aims of the athletic program. Therefore, the school administration will endeavor to acquaint students and school patrons with objectives adopted by the CAAC.

PREAMBLE

In order to better promote and control interscholastic activities between the various schools, the representatives of the member schools do ordain and establish policies. These policies shall structure the Conference in such a way that the **advantages of a multi-division conference can be maintained and at the same time insure the identity of the separate divisions**. The Conference shall first address the interests of its member schools when considering expansion.

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The name of this organization shall be the "Capital Area Activities Conference" and may be referred to in the document and elsewhere as the "CAAC" or the "Conference."

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, PURPOSE, AND OBJECTIVE

The member schools have created an alliance to provide their students an opportunity to learn from cooperation and competition, recognizing that each member school district respects and acknowledges the autonomy of the all member school districts. We are pledged to offer programs recognizing the variety of student interests and needs. All programs shall be free of sexual, racial, or religious bias.

The purpose of the CAAC is:

To develop and encourage conference programs in a variety of areas:

To develop and promote citizenship, sportsmanship, acceptance of cultural diversity and a commitment to community service.

Student leadership and activities in the areas of the arts, clubs, athletics, curriculum and other areas of competition.

To provide workshops and seminars for students and faculty.

To provide for the regular communication and interchange between superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches, sponsors, and students.

To act jointly in matters of concern (where appropriate) such as statewide athletic policies, MHSAA policies and decisions, state department and state Board of Education decisions and policies and legislative action.

To help fellow conference members effectively use school and community facilities and resources.