

**DEERFIELD COMMUNITY**

**CODE: 370.1**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DATE OF ADOPTION: 6/19/95**

**CO-CURRICULAR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: OBJECTIVES**

The Deerfield Community School District sponsors and encourages student participation in a variety of co-curricular athletic activities as a means of providing opportunities for personal growth, skill development, socialization, creativity, and competitive experience. In addition, the Deerfield Community School District believes that a well balanced education includes participation in athletic and co-curricular activities provided they do not interfere with academic skill development and classroom participation.

The opportunity to participate in co-curricular athletic activities is extended to all students within the school district with an understanding that there are certain responsibilities accompanying their involvement.

The major reason for sponsoring athletic opportunity in grades K-12 is to provide an environment to foster the following objectives:

- To display good sportsmanship, and to provide opportunities for developing lasting friendships with both teammates and opponents.
- To inspire positive role modeling and leadership.
- To provide activities for learning self-discipline, loyalty, team play, pride in the organization, respect for the rights of others, and the will to be successful.
- To help students learn good habits of health, fitness, and safety.
- To use competition and the experience to build self-esteem, citizenship, responsibility, and skill while conducting an enjoyable and challenging program.
- To learn how to graciously celebrate successes and positively respond to disappointments.
- To learn to place the unit, team, squad, class, and school above personal desires.
- To increase self-esteem through positive interactions with coaches and other athletes.