



Lake Washington
School District No. 414

Senior Culminating Project Safety Guidelines

****Guidelines are subject to revision in Fall 08****

The intent of the culminating project is to allow high school students the opportunity for experiential learning that does not take place in the classroom. Safety is of paramount concern, and we want our students to not only succeed in their choice of project, but to remain within the standards of safety that the district uses to evaluate all activities.

General Guidelines

There are some general guidelines that will be followed for all project requests.

- No illegal activities will be approved.
- For all projects focusing on a sport, an LWSD coach should be considered as an advisor.
- Students may not sponsor their own athletic camps, but they can be done through a sponsoring group, such as a league or club.
- All district policies must be followed.

Non-Approved Activities

Following is a list of activities that are excluded from the district's insurance coverage and may not be pursued:

- Activities that involve being off the ground. This includes, but is not limited to, airplanes, hot air balloons, hang gliding, parachuting and bungee jumping.
- Automobile racing, speed contests, demolition derby, stunt activities, tractor pulls, or practice and preparation of such activities.
- Any watercraft over 26 feet, whether motorized or not.
- Any raft, tube, or other vessel used or designed for navigating white water streams or rivers; and any jet ski or other similar motorized personal watercraft designed to carry two or fewer persons.

Additionally, there are activities that the district will not approve:

- Use or construction of weapons or bombs
- Tattooing/body piercing
- "Extreme" sporting events
- Powder Puff Football

High Risk Activities

Following are examples of high risk activities that should be avoided. A student who would like to pursue one of these activities must present evidence of additional safety precautions in writing at the time the Project Plan is submitted:

- Water Activities - including but not limited to, canoeing, kayaking, wind and water surfing, private swimming pools, swimming in lakes and rivers, SCUBA diving, water skiing.
- Animal Activities - including but not limited to, equestrian activities, donkey basketball, pack animal trips, rodeos, snake handling, wild animal work, service dogs.
- Wheel Activities - including but not limited to, inline skating, scooters, roller or ice skating, skateboarding.
- Athletics not WIAA Approved - including but not limited to, high impact aerobics, archery, martial arts, rugby, lacrosse, water polo, skiing, snowboarding.
- Wilderness/Outdoor Activities - including but not limited to, mountain climbing, rock climbing, spelunking, rappelling, wilderness survival, orienteering and search and rescue.

Novices will not be permitted to pursue projects in these activities. Students must demonstrate an existing ability and previous training in the area requested.

Appeal Process

Students wishing to appeal the decision of the project panel must:

- Provide two copies of the proposal to the SP Coordinator on or before October 30, 2008. The SP Coordinator will present the proposals to the Principal.
- If the project is denied by the Principal and the student would like to appeal that decision, the project paperwork will be forwarded by the Principal to Risk Management for review.

- If Risk Management denies the project and the student would like to appeal that decision, the project paperwork will be forwarded by the Risk Manager to the Deputy Superintendent for review.