



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Position Statement: Funding Co-Curricular Programs

WHEREAS athletics are an integral part of the educational programs that support the vision and mission of each school;

WHEREAS the goals and objectives of interscholastic programs are to provide education-based experiences for youth consistent with educational philosophies that provide valuable life lessons and lifelong skills;

WHEREAS nationwide, high school activities programs will attract more than eleven million participants;

WHEREAS in virtually all schools, the interscholastic activities program requires a subsidy of less than one percent of the total school budget;

WHEREAS participants rarely drop out of schools, have higher grade point averages, better attendance, and disciplinary records than those who do not participate; and

WHEREAS participants experience additional leadership opportunities, promotion of health and well-being, and a sense of pride in community; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the position of the NIAAA is that co-curricular programs should receive appropriate funding the same as other school programs.