

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

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TITLE – **Risk Management for OUT-of Class Physical Activity**

POLICY-

IHAEA*

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Philosophy Statement

The Fort La Bosse School Division recognizes the importance of risk management in promoting safe participation in physical activity. It also recognizes that the responsibility for the care and safety of students for the OUT-OF-CLASS delivery of Grades 9-12 PE/HE is shared by the home, school, and community.

Rationale

The Fort La Bosse School Division recognizes a variety of OUT-OF-CLASS physical activities through interscholastic, intramural, club and community based activities that students may use as part of their Grades 9-12 PE/HE courses. Fort La Bosse School Division is involved in managing and evaluating students while they participate in non-school based activities (community-based or independent activities) as part of the OUT-OF-CLASS physical activity component of their Grades 9-12 PE/HE courses. There is an inherent risk in all physical activities and thus the risk of injury to participants always exists, the Board believes that this risk is significantly reduced when participants receive appropriate instruction and/or supervision and participate in an environment where rules and routines governing safety are taught and enforced. While the role of supervising and ensuring safe participation by students in school-based physical activities is the responsibility of the school division and its personnel, this role is generally assumed by parents/guardians and students, often in collaboration with community organizations, when the physical activity is non-school based.

Policy

1. Schools will provide the student and parent/guardian with safety information through in-class presentation and web-sites for Manitoba Education's Grades 9-12 Physical Education/Health Education OUT-OF-CLASS Physical Activity Safety Handbook (the resource) for the physical activities chosen by the student for the OUT-OF-CLASS component of the PE/HE course.

www.youthsafeoutdoors.ca

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/K12/docs/support/pehe_safety/index.html

www.flbsd.mb.ca (link to Safety Guidelines for Physical Activities)

2. The Gr. 11 & 12 PE/HE teacher will have the student develop a Personal Activity Plan which will include the OUT-OF-CLASS component of the PE/HE course. The plan will be signed by the teacher, student and parent/guardian to indicate that the plan has been accepted and satisfies the criteria required for completion. The parent/guardian (or student 18 years and older) will sign-off on a consent form accepting responsibility for monitoring the student's safety for non-school base OUT-OF-CLASS activities. Failure to sign the consent form will require the student to complete all course requirements as school based activities.
3. The PE/HE teacher will meet with the student to form a plan for managing and evaluating progress for the OUT-OF-CLASS component of the PE course.
4. School division personnel will not be responsible for the inspection of facilities or equipment to be used by students for non-school based physical activities, nor will school personnel be responsible for supervising students, or ensuring they receive appropriate instruction, while they participate in these activities.
5. Physical activities chosen for the OUT-OF-CLASS component of PE/HE courses must be selected from the list supplied in the resource. Any activities not included and dissimilar from any in this activity list will need to be approved by either the PE/HE teacher, the principal, the Superintendent and/or the Fort La Bosse School Division Board of Trustees.

