

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE - **THE USE OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AS EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUPERVISORS*** POLICY - **IJOCA***

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The Fort La Bosse School Division believes that student participation in extra-curricular activities represents an integral part of a well-rounded educational experience. The division encourages extra-curricular programming as it contributes to the realisation of physical, social, and emotional values in students.

Because these goals complement the goals for student growth within the regular school program during the school day, it is the belief of the Fort La Bosse School Division that the leadership for and supervision of extra-curricular activities at the school level is best undertaken by teachers. Teachers will be in the best position to understand and assess the students participating in the extra-curricular activity. Further, where the requirement for teacher supervision is mandated in the regulations of co-operating sport governing bodies such as the Manitoba High School Athletic Association, these requirements will be complied with by the Fort La Bosse School Division teams operating under the governance of such organisations.

However, it is recognised that in some schools and communities and for some specific extra-curricular activities, student exposure to extra-curricular experiences can best be served through the use of responsible adults who are non-teaching employees of Fort La Bosse or volunteers from the community.

In such situations schools within the Fort La Bosse School Division will be authorised to use volunteers as supervisors of extra-curricular activities, and these supervisors will be afforded the right of teachers as that pertains to having care and charge of the students they are supervising. This provision will include the authority to supervise students at practices and games or performances and the authority to supervise students being transported to and from planned activities.

The Principal of a school considering the use of a volunteer supervisor will make the decision to approve or not approve the volunteer. In determining the suitability of a community volunteer as a supervisor for an extra-curricular activity, the School Principal will:

- determine that the volunteer is 18 years of age or older.
- require the volunteer to successfully pass a "Child Abuse Registry" (Form [GBJA-E-1](#)) check.
- acknowledge the volunteer's competency to lead the activity being considered, and where appropriate, approve that appointment in writing.
- familiarise the volunteer with the general rules and regulations of the school, specifically as they pertain to student eligibility for participation in extra-curricular activities, general expectations of student deportment, expectations for facility use, and regulations governing extra-curricular activities and student transportation, etc.
- identify a specific staff member as a "teacher supervisor" who will act as a contact person for assistance when needed for emergencies, and to provide information related to school rules, student discipline, facility scheduling, transportation to events, etc.

