



Kansas State High School Activities Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

MEETING LOCATION –KSHSAA OFFICE | 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka, Kansas

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, final action and Executive Board elections)

Bylaws, XVI, amendments, state:

Section 1: The bylaws and articles of incorporation may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present of the Board of Directors, and the approval of the Kansas State Board of Education.

Section 2: KSHSAA Board of Directors' agenda items must be presented in writing to the Association Executive Director 40 days in advance of the September and April meetings. Only those items submitted by the following will be recognized:

1. Board of Directors members
2. Executive Board, provided the item received a majority vote of those present
3. Superintendents, principals and board of education members of member schools
4. The Board of Directors may add items which were not previously published on the agenda at the time of the meeting, provided it is done by three-fourths vote of those present.

On page 26 of the *KSHSAA Handbook*, under **Rules and Regulations Governing Grades 7-12**, the first paragraph concerning AMENDMENTS reads as follows:

The rules and regulations for grades seven through twelve (grade school, middle school, junior high and senior high) may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present.

In the 1981 legislative session, the following, which applies to unified school districts, was passed:

Any member who abstains from voting shall be counted as having voted against the motion or resolution. If a member announces a conflict of interest with regard to the issue, the member may leave the meeting until the voting on the issue is concluded, and the member who abstains from voting thereby shall not be counted as having voted. (K.S.A. 72-1138)

1. Each Handbook rule is divided into three or four sections:

Section 1: General Regulations *(apply to grades 7-12)*

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations *(includes students in grades 7 and 8, middle school and junior high)*

Section 4: Unified Activity Regulations *(apply to grades 9-12)*

2. Unless stated otherwise, articles passed by a majority of the members present will become effective upon publication of the minutes.

1. **Call to Order & Welcome**
2. **Review of Meeting Procedures and Roberts Rules of Order**
3. **Roll Call, Announcements, and Introduction of Members**
4. **State of Association Remarks**
5. **Public Forum** – *Speakers must register by 2:55 p.m. on the day of the meeting and identify which agenda item they will address with remarks. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.*

Public comments are also accepted via email in advance of the meeting. Comments should be sent to bfaflck@kshsaa.org prior to noon, April 22, 2026, with subject line of "Board of Director Public Forum Comments". Public comments received in digital format will be shared with Board members and referenced in the meeting. (Comments shall not reference/identify personnel matters concerning Association or school employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students.) When providing comments in person or via email, complete contact information (first/last name, city/state, daytime phone number) is necessary. Incomplete information will result in the comments not being shared nor included in the minutes.

*Introduction, Discussion and Vote will be held on the following action items in the order listed unless modified by presiding officer:
(Unless otherwise indicated, underlined portions are recommended changes in rules.)*

6. **Approve September 17, 2025, Minutes.**
7. **Modify Section 2 of Bylaw XIV – Approval of Events** to read as follows:

Kansas institutions, organizations and individuals planning to conduct events, conferences and activities under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA for and/or in member schools shall make application for approval to the Association. All applications must be initiated and mailed to the KSHSAA by the sponsors not later than 30 days prior to the date of the activity. If out-of-state schools are invited, only those within 500 road miles of the border (perimeter) of the state of Kansas may be included in their application.

Out-of-state institutions, organizations and individuals planning to conduct interstate events for KSHSAA member schools shall make application for approval to their state's high school association. All applications must be initiated by the sponsor not later than 30 days prior to the date of the activity mailed to their state's high school association. If KSHSAA member schools are invited, only those within 500 road miles of the border (perimeter) of the state of Kansas may be accepted. KSHSAA member schools shall not participate in interscholastic activities under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA unless such events have been approved by the Association and the out-of-state high school's association.

For interstate events involving virtual competition (including, but not limited to, Esports, Debate, and Speech/Drama), the 500-road mile rule shall be interpreted based upon the actual distance students travel to the location from which they will participate in the contest. If students will compete from a location within Kansas, the 500-road mile limit shall not apply, regardless of the location of the host institution.

Submitted on behalf of the KSCA by Board of Directors member Erik Skoglund (March 11, 2026).

8. **Temporarily Suspend Section 3 of Bylaw XIV – Approval of Events** which indicates the following:
Any contest or activity under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA sponsored by an outside agency which is on the approved list of the National Association of Secondary School Principals shall be considered automatically approved.
The NASSP has discontinued the service of approving events. At this time, no other agency or process has been identified to provide this service. The Executive Board recommends the Board of Directors temporarily suspend **Bylaw XIV, Section 3**, and utilize the roster of all events historically approved by the NASSP and attended by KSHSAA member schools to be approved for the next school year.

Created and approved for Board of Directors Agenda inclusion by the KSHSAA Executive Board (January 21-22, 2026).

9. **Modify Rule 9, Moratoriums, Section 1**, by adding the following new Articles:

EASTER MORATORIUM

Art. 6: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive four-day period (including Easter Sunday) beginning at 6 p.m. on the Thursday before Easter running through the duration of Easter Sunday where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities. This moratorium impacts fine arts, and all school activities including spirit activities.

- a. There shall be no inter school activities.
- b. There shall be no staff members present for any interscholastic activities.
- c. There shall be no staff members present for any interscholastic activity practice in activities under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA

Art. 7: There shall be no group interscholastic activity practice either on or outside school premises under supervision of school employees.

Art. 8: Music groups may perform, provided there is no practice in the school facilities and their performance is locally and on a volunteer basis only.

Art. 9: Trips by school activity students or groups are permissible, provided the students do not participate physically in any activity related to inter-school activities.

SUNDAY MORATORIUM

Art. 10: There shall be no athletic practices or competitions, off-season conditioning, informal basketball shooting, working out on wrestling mats, "optional" practice, etc. of any type or gives the appearance of, in any facility on all Sundays. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member, volunteer, parent or player in school-owned or non-school facilities. This means a moratorium on all school-sponsored athletic activities on all Sundays.

This moratorium does not impact fine arts or spirit activities.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MORATORIUM

Art. 11: After 6 p.m. on all Wednesdays from September until the end of April, when school is in session that day, there shall be no practices, off-season conditioning, informal practice, working out in school-owned facilities or non-school facilities. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member in non-school facilities. This means a moratorium on all school sponsored athletic activities during the time noted above.

Gymnasiums or fields shall not be open to the students during Wednesday Evening Moratorium for the purpose of shooting baskets, working out with weights, etc. outside of school hours. Noon hour and physical education classes are considered part of the school day.

This moratorium impacts fine arts, and all school activities including spirit activities.

Submitted by Fr. Daniel Duling, Diocese Member School Advisory Committee Member (March 8, 2026).

10. **Modify Rule 10, Qualifications of Coaches, Section 1, Articles 5-8** per the following detail:

Art. 5: During the school year, but outside the season of a sport, coaches/coaches' aides may not coach in practice or competition those students they will be coaching the following year in that sport. For the purposes of this rule, the school year is defined to be Labor Day through the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

Art. 6: Beginning with the Saturday before Memorial Day, through Sunday of SCW #3, ~~football, volleyball, and basketball~~ coaches/coaches' aides are permitted to coach athletes from their school squad.

- a. Supervise use of indoor/outdoor facilities by athletes in their sport.
- b. Beginning Monday of SCW #3 and ending Sunday of SCW #5, football, volleyball, boys soccer, and basketball coaches/coaches aides may only work with individual students or a single group (no more than 3 students in basketball, 4 students in volleyball, 6 students in 11-Player football, 5 students in 8-Player football, 4 students in 6-player football, and 6 students in boys soccer) provided instruction is on a voluntary basis, and requested by the student(s). Such instruction must occur at a time separate from supervised sessions defined in (a).

Art. 7: Coaches/coaches' aides other than football, volleyball, basketball, and boys soccer are not subject to the restrictions outlined in Article (6.b).

Art. 8: Beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7, only voluntary weight training and conditioning is permitted for girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, volleyball, boys soccer, football, and basketball ~~all-school-athletic~~ teams. No fall season school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

Created by staff and approved for Board of Directors Agenda inclusion by the KSHSAA Executive Board (January 21-22, 2026 to provide clarity and consistency).

11. Modify Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1, Articles 7-8 per the following detail:

Art. 7: No school-organized spring or summer practice or school-organized summer camps shall be permitted. (See Rule 20-1-1 ~~e-f~~, Awards.)

- a. Beginning SCW #48 the Saturday before Memorial Day through Sunday of SCW #3, coaches may coach teams in non-school competitions and/or conduct workouts or practices or conduct a one-week camp (per sport) for his/her players only (team camps must conclude by Saturday of SCW #2). Only students enrolled at the school may attend these coach organized activities.
- b. The school shall not be involved other than to approve the use of facilities, dates and to be assured by the coach there will be no violations of KSHSAA rules and/or regulations.
- c. Member schools, and the coaches and coaches' aides they employ, may not sponsor, and/or organize contact football camps. (See Rule 10-1-6, Qualifications of Coaches, and Rule 35-1-5, Football)
- d. School uniforms or player equipment may not be used.

Exception: Use of school owned football helmets in non-school football activities is permitted with prior approval of the school's administration.

- e. If school facilities (gymnasium, fields, balls, bats, etc.) are used, the coach must lease them per board of education policy.
- f. No coach(es) or other school representative(s) may directly or by implication, direct a student to attend these coach organized activities as a condition for team membership.
- g. A student shall not receive pay or expenses for working at a camp involving a sport in which he/she participates.
- h. The camp program shall not include any type of competition with teams or another camp.

Art. 8: School coaches in girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, volleyball, boys soccer, football, and basketball ~~all KSHSAA sponsored sports~~ may hold only voluntary weight training and conditioning beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7. No fall season school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

Created by staff to provide clarity and consistency and approved for Board of Directors Agenda inclusion by the KSHSAA Executive Board (January 21-22, 2026).

12. Modify Rule 34, Cross Country, Section 2 per the following detail:

Move Regional Cross Country from Saturday of SCW 16 to Thursday and Friday of SCW 17 (details provided below) and move State Cross Country from Saturday of SCW 17 to Saturday of SCW 18.

The years that the 1A-3A-5A classes play State Volleyball pool play on Thursday of SCW 17 and 2A-4A-6A classes play State Volleyball pool play on SCW 17, the Regional Cross Country meet for 1A-3A-5A classes would run on Friday of SCW 17, and Regional Cross Country 2A-4A-6A classes would run on Thursday of SCW 17.

Rationale: This change would alleviate the burden of Regional Cross Country and Sub-State Volleyball, as well as, State Cross Country and State Volleyball being held on the same weekends

Submitted by League President Travis Powell, Principal of Kiowa County HS, on behalf of the Southern Plains-Iroquois Activities Association (November 18, 2025).

13. **Modify Rule 36, Golf (Girls & Boys)**, to remove **Article 5** and renumber subsequent Articles as follows:

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

~~Art. 5:~~ There shall be one Class in the sand greens regional and state tournaments in the spring.

Art. 5-6: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

- a. Two dual matches, either nine or 18 holes, may be substituted for one day of the allowed eight days of competition provided no loss of instruction time would take place for competition and/or travel.
- b. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.
- c. On those days when schooltime is used, only two matches or tournaments may start prior to 12 p.m. CST and additional matches or tournaments may start no earlier than 1 p.m. CST.

Art. 6-7: Following up to 36 holes of medal play in state tournaments, championships shall be awarded.

Art. 7-8: The Executive Board has the authority to revise the participation regulations and to establish regulations for outside tournament competition.

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14. **Create Handbook Rule Flag Football (Girls)** to include Flag Football as a KSHSAA activity beginning with the 2026-27 school year as follows:

FLAG FOOTBALL (Girls)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Competition shall not begin prior to Wednesday of Standardized Calendar Week #9. *(See Rule 30-1-8(a-g), Seasons of Activities).*

- a. Credit shall be given for a day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.
- b. Each individual player shall participate in at least nine (9) days of practice with the team prior to participating in a game taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of five (5) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any game taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year.
- c. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or volleyball practices to count towards the Flag Football minimum practice requirement.
- d. The majority of the squad members shall participate in each practice session before it is considered a day of training.
- e. The opening date for flag football practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. The players must have a minimum of one day of rest/recovery during any week (Sunday-Saturday), beginning Monday of SCW #7 through SCW #21. Only injury treatments are permitted on a rest/recovery day.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than four players from a flag football squad from the same school may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than four players from a flag football squad on the same outside team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high flag football, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 3: No games shall be played except those scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the competing schools or the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage.

No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

The flag football season shall close with the KSHSAA tournament series culminating with Standardized Calendar Week #15, providing at least 24 schools are participating in postseason flag football.

Art. 2: A team shall not participate in less than 6 games and no more than 10 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: Each middle/junior high school team is limited to a maximum of six (6) games during one season.

NOTE: If additional rule is added to the KSHSAA Handbook and depending on the placement of the rule, subsequent renumbering of rules may be necessary.

Submitted on behalf of the Greater Wichita Athletic League by Board of Directors members Chris Asmussen and Sara Richardson (March 5, 2026).

15. Elect Executive Board Members from the Board of Directors per Bylaw Article V.

Sec. 2: Board of Director members shall elect Executive Board members at their spring meeting in the categories listed to two-year terms. A Director shall serve at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors prior to being elected to the Executive Board. Members in each category shall elect their own representative. Board of Directors organizational members are eligible for election in their school's respective category.

a. Classes 6A, 4A, 2A, in even years	3
b. Classes 5A, 3A, 1A in odd years	3
c. Middle/Junior High Schools in even years	1
d. Board of Education in odd years	1
e. State Board of Education in even years	1
TOTAL	9

Vacancies in the above categories shall be elected by their respective representatives within sixty (60) days after notice of such vacancy. They shall fulfill the unexpired term of that position.

** = Current Member of Executive Board

**CLASS 6A
(2-YEAR TERM)**

Dist. Ath. Dir. Chris Asmussen, Wichita USD 259
Dist. Ath. Dir. Russell Baldwin, Derby USD 260
Prin. Gennifer Booth, Junction City
Prin. Todd Dain, Shawnee Mission South
Asst. Prin. Mike Gillman, Lawrence (*Ineligible – Leaving Board*)
Ath. Dir. Kelli Kurle, Blue Valley North
Prin. Jay Novacek, Olathe West
Exec. Dir. Sec. Ed. Heather Peeke, Gardner-Edgerton
**Prin. Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (*Ineligible – End of Term*)
Prin. Travis Rogers, Wichita-South
Eric Skoglund, Olathe Northwest
Assoc. Act. Dir. Monica Vega, Liberal HS

**CLASS 4A
(2-YEAR TERM)**

Jeri Brummett, St. George-Rock Creek
**Prin. Eric Cooper, Clearwater
Ath. Dir. John Coslett, Towanda-Circle
Damian Johnson, Eudora
Prin. Kurt Seiler, Independence
Prin. Ben Smith, Abilene (*Ineligible – Leaving Board*)
Ath. Dir. Bobby Taul, Topeka-Hayden
Prin. Latisha Williams, Atchison
Prin. Cody Witte, Tonganoxie

**CLASS 2A
(2-YEAR TERM)**

Prin. Russ Cramer, Arma-Northeast
Prin. Scott Dunham, Douglass
Prin. Jhon Haehn, Plainville
Prin. Adam Hurla, St. Marys
Prin. Larry Mills, Horton
**Prin. Donald Raymer, Marion

**JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL
(2-YEAR TERM)**

**Supt. Kellen Adams, Leavenworth USD 453
Prin. Mark Bloustine, Paola
Prin. Curt Graves, Tescott
Prin. Cort Haynes, Maize South (*Ineligible – End of Term*)
Prin. Patric Jackson, Wichita-Stucky
Prin. Relyn Strom, Topeka-Robinson

16. **2026-27 Meeting Dates** – The proposed meeting dates for the KSHSAA Board of Directors during the 2026-27 school year, to be held at the KSHSAA Office, are as follows:

Fall:

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Thursday, September 17, 2026 (*tentative*)

Spring:

Thursday, April 22, 2027
Friday, April 23, 2027 (*tentative*)

17. **Recognitions & Closing Announcements**

18. **2026-27 Executive Board** – Organizational meeting – all Exec Board members for next year will attend an organizational meeting which includes selection of officers for the 2026-27 Executive Board. The organizational meeting will be conducted in the Hall of Fame Room and will begin approximately fifteen minutes following full BOD adjournment.

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State Board Of Education Representatives



Michelle Dombrosky
Olathe



Jim Porter
Fredonia



TBD
CD-1



Linessa Frazier
Topeka
CD-2



RJ Wilson
Lenexa
CD-3



TBD
CD-4

Board of Education Representatives by Congressional District (CD) and Division (D)



Perry McCabe
McPherson
USD 418
CD-1, D-I



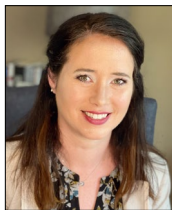
George Stover
Lyons
USD 405
CD-1, D-II



Sue Bolley
Topeka
USD 501
CD-2, D-I



Rod Koons
Durham/Hillsboro/Lehigh
USD 410
D-2, D-II



Gina Knapp
Blue Valley, USD 229
CD-3, D-I



Rob Vohs
Louisburg, USD 416
CD-3, D-II



Mark Richards
Goddard, USD 265
CD-4, DI



Shelby Green
Douglass, USD 396
CD-4, DII

Organizational Representatives



Ryan Burrows
Satanta
KASBC



Jeri Brummett
Rock Creek
KCA



Chris Asmussen
Wichita USD 259
KIAAA



Damian Johnson
Eudora
KMEA



Eric Skoglund
Olathe Northwest
KSCA

Middle/Junior High School Representatives



Curt Graves
Prin. Tescott
CD-1



Kellen Adams,
Supt. Leavenworth
USD 453
CD-2



Mark Bloustine
Prin. Paola
CD-3



Cort Haynes
Prin. Maize South
CD-4



Relyn Strom
Prin. Robinson
At-Large



Patric Jackson
Prin. Stucky
At-Large

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Senior High School League Representatives



Eric Cooper
Prin. Clearwater
Ark Vly./Chisholm Tr.



Laura Scaglione
Asst. Prin. Andover
Ark Vly./Chisholm Tr.



Russell Baldwin
Ath. Dir. Derby
Ark Vly./Chisholm Tr.



John Coslett
Ath. Dir. Circle
Ark Vly./Chisholm Tr.



Adam Hurla
Prin. St. Marys
Big East



Gennifer Booth
Prin. Junction City
Centennial



Bobby Taul
Ath. Dir. Hayden
Centennial



Chad Baalman
Prin. Halstead
Central Kansas



Scott Dunham
Prin. Douglass
Central Plains



Jon Webster
Prin. La Crosse
Central Prairie



Beau Sarwinski
Prin. Galena
CNC



Andy Tylicki
Pres. St. James
Academy
Eastern Kansas



Kelli Kurle,
Ath. Dir.
Blue Valley North
Eastern Kansas



Jay Doornbos
Prin. Council Grove
Flint Hills



Cody Witte
Prin. Tonganoxie
Frontier



Matt Sims
Prin. Colby
Great West Act. Conf.



Travis Rogers
Prin. Wichita-South
Greater Wichita



Sara Richardson
Prin. Wichita-East
Greater Wichita



Chris Bloomer
Prin. Kapaun Mt. Carmel
Greater Wichita



Donald Raymer
Prin. Marion
Heart of America



Wyatt Williams
Prin. Attica
Heart of the Plains



Ryan Kisner
Prin. Southwestern
Heights
Hi-Plains



Jared Barker
Head of School
Kansas City Christian
Kaw Valley Conference



Bob Risch
Prin. Waverly
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Kansas City USD 500
Meadowlark Conf.



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Mid-Continent



Terry Moeckel
Prin. Minneapolis
North Central A. A.



Ben Smith
Prin. Abilene
North Central Kansas



Larry Mills
Prin. Horton
Northeast Kansas



Jeremy Long
Prin. Lakeside
Northern Plains



Jeremy Holloway
Prin. Decatur Community
Northwest Kansas



Kate Gronquist
Prin. Prairie View
Pioneer



Kevin Weber
Prin. West Elk
South Central Border



Kurt Seiler
Prin. Independence
Southeast Kansas

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Senior High School League Representatives (continued)



Luke Ritchie
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SPIAA



Jay Novacek
Prin. Olathe West
Sunflower



Todd Dain
Prin. Shawnee Mission
South
Sunflower



Heather Peeke
Exec. Dir. of Sec. Ed
Gardner Edgerton
USD 231
Sunflower



Mike Gillman
Asst. Prin. Lawrence
Sunflower



Russ Cramer
Supt. USD 246,
Northeast
Three Rivers



James Renfro
Prin. Cherryvale
Tri-Valley



Cory Jensen
Prin. Hanover
Twin Valley



Alan Penrose
Prin. Lansing
United Kansas
Conference



Michelle Mages
Ath. Dir. DeSoto
United Kansas
Conference



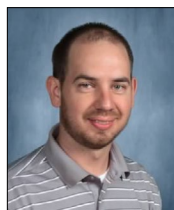
Khris Thexton
Supt. Great Bend
USD 428
Western Athletic
Conference



Monica Vega
Ath. Dir. Liberal
Western Athletic
Conference



Adam Wington,
Prin. Cheylin
Western Kansas-
Liberty



Trevor Siebert
Prin. Centre
Wheat State



Geoff Andrews
Supt. Diocese of
Salina Schools
Independent Schools

Academics + Activities = Curriculum Partners

WHY HAVE STUDENT ACTIVITIES? In the last few years the value of high school activities has been questioned. Let's set the record straight as to what high school activities are all about. First of all, they are not a separate part of our overall education program but an integral part of it. A good, well-rounded education means not only one that is academically oriented, but one that also includes physical, social and emotional development. These are available through a good school activities program.

Activities are a citizenship laboratory—Participation in activities encompasses all races and creeds, and teaches a student that it is a privilege and an honor to represent his or her school. Students learn that activities are important because they show a person how to win, and how to lose. Activities teach self-confidence, poise, respect for the rules and good sportsmanship. Through participation in activities, students learn tolerance and understanding for people and how to control their emotions. They also learn the self-satisfaction of accomplishing a goal.

Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for American boys and girls. Youth are interested in doing things well—in belonging—in displaying loyalty. With a well administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observance of activities conducted under established rules impartially administered.

Activities encourage physical and mental excellence—Documented reports and statistics from the high schools of Kansas continue to show the "holding power" of activities programs. Those students engaged in any phase of the extracurricular program show a drop-out rate far below that of the uninvolved student. Over 90 percent of those students who drop out of school at the senior high level have never been involved in any activity as representatives of their school!

Grade point averages of students in athletics, speech, music, cheerleading, club programs, etc., rank well above those students who choose not to participate. Interestingly enough, the statistics point out "the more participation the better the GPA!"

The loss of school instructional time, documented by reports from member schools, clearly shows students miss more instructional class time for family vacations, medical reasons, parental excuses, vocational activities, etc., than they do for all KSHSAA-sponsored school activities combined.

Activities reach out to the community—Activities in our Kansas schools will be as good and as sound as those who administer and support them. Rules and regulations are valueless unless they are embedded in the "grass roots" of the local school and community. The underlying philosophy of interscholastic activities presupposes these rules and regulations are for the good of the students themselves—just as are the other phases of the educational program—and that is the way the citizens of Kansas want them to be.

