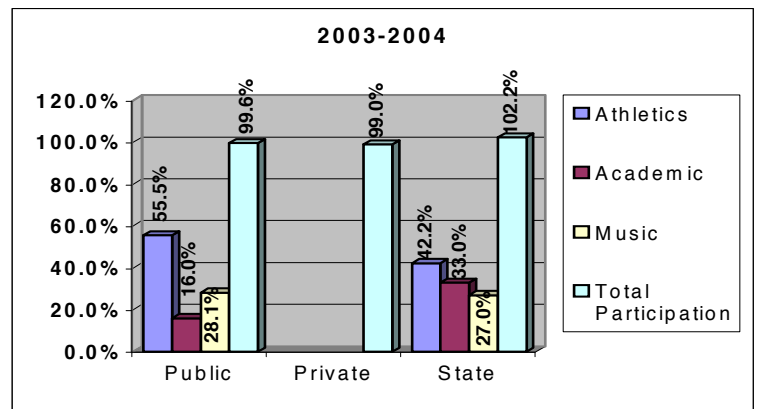


Percentage of Public and Private 6-12 Grade Students Involved in Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities



*Private: No information available on breakdown of activities.

Key Facts

- There are multiple benefits to the quality of life for those who participate in extra-and co-curricular activities.
- Extra- and co-curricular activities encourage students to broaden, develop, and enhance their school experiences.
- Participation in activities such as music, athletics, arts, and academics challenge students to further develop their minds, bodies, and social skills.
- Students learn what it means to be part of a team or a group – skills needed to become a well-rounded member of a community.

Why is this Information Important?

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) defines extra- and co-curricular activities as “school-sanctioned groups or events that broaden, develop, and enhance school experiences in the areas of academics, athletics, and music.” No course credit for these types of activities is offered.

Extra- and Co-Curricular Participation Rates

To arrive at participation rates, schools use an unduplicated count of the number of 6th through 12th grades who take part in activities in the categories of academics, athletics, and music. The overall participation rate is often greater than 100 percent since many students participate in multiple activities. For example, a student in choir, track, and French Club will be counted once for each of the three activities. This student will then be represented three times in the overall rate. However, if a student is involved in the math league and National Honor Society, or in swimming and baseball, he or she has been counted only once since both activities are included in the same broad category.

Sources: WI DPI; individual Wood County area school districts