

Park Rapids
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley
Menahga
Nevis

Cooperative Agreement for Boys Hockey
2026-2027

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Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS, WHA and PR are interested in having the PR School Board and the WHA School Board allow the boys' hockey program to participate for the 2026-2027 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Independent School District #113 (WHA) Park Rapids Independent School District #309 (PR) District #821 (Menahga) and District #308 (Nevis) are interested in allowing interscholastic boys' hockey to be run by the PR District,

IT IS, THEREFORE, AGREED between both parties as follows:

I. CONTROL OF ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WHA, Menahga, Nevis and PR recognize that PR is in charge and control of the Park Rapids Area Boys' Hockey program. Extra-curricular activities shall mean all direct and personal services for public school pupils for their enjoyment that are managed and operated under the guidance of adult or staff member.

II. PARTIES TO AGREEMENT

The parties to this agreement are the following school districts: ISD #113 (WHA) ISD#821 (Menahga) ISD #308 (Nevis) and ISD #309 (Park Rapids).

III. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement between the parties is for a period of one year, or until terminated by mutual consent of the parties or until one of the parties is unable, or is reasonably expected to become unable to perform its obligations of this agreement, at which time this MOU will be null and void and all extra-curricular activities associated with the MOU shall end immediately. This agreement will be reviewed each April by two members each from WHA and

Park Rapids: the Activities Directors and Superintendents of all districts.

IV. DEFINITIONS

Extra-curricular activities have all of the following characteristics:

- a. They are not offered for school credit, nor required for graduation.
- b. They are generally conducted outside school hours, or if partly during school hours, at times agreed upon by both districts, and approved school authorities.
- c. The content of the activities is determined primarily by the pupil participants under the guidance of a staff member or other adult.

V. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND SCHOOL NAME

No extra-curricular activity shall be participated in by the teacher or pupil in the public schools of PR, nor shall the school name or any applied name be used in connection therewith, except by consent and direction of the PR School Board.

VI. ACCOUNTING

All gate receipts from the PR Boys' Hockey program, including Minnesota State High School League post-season reimbursement, shall be the property of the PR Schools and subject to its policies and procedures. These funds shall be used to offset the expenses of the program. All purchases shall be made according to the policies of PR.

VII. FUNDING

All boys' hockey costs will be paid by PR, minus stipulations below:

-WHA, Menahga, and Nevis agrees to transport their athletes to the Park Rapids Ice Rink for practices and games, at NO COST to PR.

a. PROGRAM COSTS

All new capital equipment expenditures paid for by PR will belong to PR.

b. PLAYER USER FEES

Each participant of the PR Boys' Hockey Program will pay the participation fee to their respective school, established by their Board of Education.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION

WHA, Menahga, Nevis and PR will be responsible for the transportation of students to and from practices. WHA, Menahga and Nevis will transport pupils to PR and PR transportation will transport from the school to event site.

IX. SCHEDULING

The PR Activities Director shall be responsible to schedule each season event for the Boys' Hockey program. Contests shall be scheduled only with teams registered with the Minnesota State High School League. The PR Activities Director shall be responsible for administration of all contracts associated with Boys' Hockey, as is the case with other school athletic programs. Based on the District 309 agreement with PRAHA. All home games through 2028 will be played in Park Rapids.

X. STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

All student discipline and academic eligibility will follow the guidelines outlined by the Minnesota State High School League, as well as WHA, Menahga, Nevis and PR School Board policies. The provisions of this agreement shall apply to all students duly enrolled in grades 7-12 in the co-op. Only students duly enrolled in co-op member schools shall be eligible for participation as members of the Boys' Hockey program or under cooperative agreements with the other school districts.

XI. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

It is expressly understood that WHA, Menahga, Nevis and PR shall incur no cost or liability for providing maintenance and/or supervision of playing/practice facilities for the Boys' Hockey program.

Existing equipment used in the Boys' Hockey program shall remain the property of the school district. The district reserves the right to require replacement when required for safety or school image. Facilities for the Boys' Hockey program shall be provided to the districts at no charge for rental, insurance, or utilities for the duration of the agreement. It shall be the responsibility of PR to maintain the building-related equipment for all scheduled activity times within the facilities.

During all MSHSL scheduled Boys' Hockey events, participants will wear PR Panther gear as the official team uniform. All game apparel purchased must be approved by the PR Activities Director prior to purchasing. Color, logo, and style of uniform must be presented for approval to the Activities Director at PR. Alternate uniforms may be worn for scrimmages due to numbers and MSHSL rules regarding official school uniforms.

XII. STAFF

- a.** All coaches hired for the Boys' Hockey program shall be duly certified and approved by the PR Board of Education upon the recommendation of the PR AD.
- b.** It is recommended that the head coach work with the PR, Menahga, Nevis & WHA youth programs to stimulate development of youth for the varsity program.
- c.** CONTRACTS: Referee contracts for the Boys' Hockey program will be directed by the PR AD and/or district administration.
- d.** The host school for any given event will provide supervision of fans during each home contest held at each school. Individuals who will be serving in that capacity will meet with the host school's AD to go over expectations of these positions.

Officials' costs will be paid by the host school for each individual event. The cost of the official and the gate receipts will be turned in to the PR Business Office.

Signed,

_____ Superintendent, District #113	_____ Date
_____ Superintendent, District #309	_____ Date
_____ Superintendent, District #821	_____ Date
_____ Superintendent, District #308	_____ Date
_____ Chairperson, WHA Board of Education	_____ Date
_____ Chairperson, PR Board of Education	_____ Date
_____ Chairperson, Menahga Board of Education	_____ Date
_____ Chairperson, Nevis Board of Education	_____ Date