



Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
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Purpose

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all District students and as a conduit for community involvement.

The game activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to teach the values of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, the program of **interscholastic athletics** shall include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this District or outside this District.

Authority

It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with law and regulations.[1][2][3][4][5]

The Board shall approve a program of interscholastic athletics and require that all facilities utilized in that program, whether or not the property of this Board, properly safeguard both players and spectators and are kept free from hazardous conditions.[6]

The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in an interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by student accident insurance; be free of injury; and undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician.[6]

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (P.I.A.A.).

The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:[6]

1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.
2. Complied with the requirements of the Athletic Handbook.
3. Complied with the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics and Board policies and administrative regulations related to student discipline.
4. Attended school regularly.[7]

5. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct prohibited by the Code of Student Conduct which occurs off school property if any of the following circumstances exist:[8]

1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to or from school or traveling to or from a school-sponsored activity, whether or not via School District furnished transportation.
2. Student expression (e.g. social media) or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the educational environment of the school.
3. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
4. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.

Any student who engages in any conduct prohibited by the Code of Student Conduct while off-campus, under circumstances other than those listed above, may be suspended or prohibited from participating in extra-curricular activities for a period of time in accordance with Board Policy 122.

Delegation of Responsibility

Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:[9][10][11][12]

1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics, which shall include a complete schedule of events.

The Superintendent or designee shall disseminate rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A. and the School District.

Guidelines

Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report

By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.[15]

By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the District's website.[15]

The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, on any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.[15]

Legal

1. 22 PA Code 4.27
2. 24 P.S. 1601-C et seq
3. 34 CFR 106.41
4. Pol. 103
5. Pol. 103.1
6. 24 P.S. 511
7. Pol. 204
8. Pol. 218
9. 24 P.S. 5323
10. 24 P.S. 1425
11. Pol. 123.1
12. Pol. 123.2
13. 22 PA Code 12.1
14. 22 PA Code 12.4
15. 24 P.S. 1603-C
- 24 P.S. 5321 et seq