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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.[\[5\]](#)

The program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and stimulates community interest.

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.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

The head coach of any sport has the sole responsibility to select the members of a team in the varsity or junior varsity programs, and to assign a player to a position on a team.

The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall 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.

The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in the 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 and pass a physical examination by a licensed physician.[\[5\]](#)

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not: [5]

1. Met the requirement for academic eligibility;
2. Complied with the requirements of the ~~Athletic~~ Handbook for Student-Athletes and Parents of Student-Athletes;
3. Complied with the requirements of the ~~Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics~~ Athletic Responsibility Acknowledgment form and Board policies and administrative regulations related to student discipline;
4. Attended school regularly; [6]
5. Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice for the hours required;
6. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used; and
7. Adhered to applicable discipline standards. [7]

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist: [7]

1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from ~~school or traveling to and from~~ school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school District furnished transportation.
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. 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.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

Delegation of Responsibility

Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the ~~Code of Conduct, Athletic Responsibility Acknowledgement form, required P.I.A.A. sign-off sheets, and the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet, and the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet~~ PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form. [9][4][10][11]

The ~~Extracurricular~~ Director of Athletics 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. Season practices and contests will begin and end as prescribed annually by the P.I.A.A.

The **Extracurricular** Director of Athletics shall prepare rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with the rules of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A, and Wilson School District.

The head coach has the duty to control and direct the personal conduct of any participant in the varsity or junior varsity program, during an actual contest or at any time during training or practice for a sport.

Athletes may not drive their automobiles to athletic contests and practices except to practices for school-related events which require students to leave the school premises in order to obtain the use of athletic facilities or other facilities not available at the District. While traveling from the school to the training site or activity site, students shall be accountable to the school for their conduct whether traveling on school transportation or transportation provided by the student or his/her parents or guardian. If traveling from school to the training site or activity site, the coach is to communicate transportation arrangements to the parent/guardian and provide a student/parent sign-off sheet confirming the communication.

Guidelines

All injuries to athletes or abnormal physical conditions of athletes shall be reported immediately by the head coach to the Athletic Trainer. The injured player shall be examined as soon as possible by the Athletic Trainer.

The Athletic Trainer shall then notify the injured player's parents who shall thereafter be responsible for determining what further medical attention, if any, will be given. School personnel shall not advise parents of where to take their injured child for treatment.

At the beginning of each season, the coach is required to tell all athletes to report any interscholastic activity-related injuries immediately to the coach or Athletic Trainer.

The decision of whether an injured player shall be allowed to practice or play is in the sole discretion of the Athletic Trainer.

The Athletic Trainer is responsible to give a written report to the **Extracurricular** Director of Athletics on every injury in an end of the year report. The **Extracurricular** Director of Athletics will file the reports with the senior high school nurse via the end of the year report.

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.

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.

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. (24 P.S. 16-1603-C)

Coaches Assignment/Conduct

The assignment of coaches shall be recommended by the **Extracurricular** Director of Athletics to the Superintendent and by the Board.

A coach representing the School District will conduct himself/herself before, during, and after a contest in a manner consistent with the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethics.

The **Extracurricular** Director of Athletics shall provide proper notification to all varsity head coaches of the date, time, and place of the annual P.I.A.A. Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meeting. Any varsity head coach who, having received such proper notification, fails to attend such meeting is responsible for and shall promptly pay any fine or fines assessed against the School District for his/her failure to attend. Failure to pay any such fine promptly shall result in the amount of the fine, and any other associated costs and penalties being withheld and deducted from his/her salary.

Legal

1. 22 PA Code 4.27
2. 34 CFR 106.41
3. Pol. 103
4. Pol. 123.1
5. 24 P.S. 511
6. Pol. 204
7. Pol. 218
9. 24 P.S. 5333
10. Pol. 123.2
- 22 PA Code 12.1
- 22 PA Code 12.4
11. 24 P.S. 5323
- 24 P.S. 5321 et seq
- 24 P.S. 5331 et seq
- 24 P.S. 1601-C et seq

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