

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Participation by students in athletic competition is a privilege subject to Board policies and regulations. While the school community takes great pride in winning, it emphasizes and requires good sportsmanship and positive mental attitude as a prerequisite to participation.

The Superintendent and administrative staff schedule frequent conferences with all physical education instructors, coaches and athletic directors to develop a constructive approach to physical education and athletics throughout the District and to maintain a program that is an educational activity.

Interscholastic programs are subject to approval by the Board. The building principal is responsible for the administration of the interscholastic athletic program within his/her school. In discharging this responsibility the principal consults with the athletic directors, coaches and physical education instructors on various aspects of the interscholastic athletic program. It is the responsibility of the principal and his/her staff to ensure the proper management of all athletic and physical education programs and the safety of students and the public.

The Board may require that students pay fees to participate in an extracurricular activity.

Coaches are required to complete an approved course in sports-related first-aid training and a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in order to qualify to serve as a coach.

In the conduct of interscholastic athletic programs, the rules, regulations and limitations outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) must be followed. It is the responsibility of the District's voting delegate to OHSAA to advise the management team of all pending changes in OHSAA's regulations.

Eligibility requirements for participating in athletic programs must conform to regulations of the OHSAA. They include the requirements that a student have the written permission of his/her parent(s) and shall have been determined as physically fit for the chosen sport by a licensed physician.

All students participating in interscholastic athletics must be covered by insurance. This insurance may be available for purchase through the District. If parents choose not to purchase insurance provided by the District, the parent(s) must sign a waiver ensuring that private coverage is provided.

As character building is one of the major objectives of interscholastic athletics, the athlete assumes responsibility for regulating his/her personal life in such ways as make him/her a worthy representative of his/her school.

Any student may be suspended from an athletic team practice and competition for a period of time, designated by the principal, for infraction of school rules and regulations or for any other unacceptable conduct in or out of school.

Students are ineligible for athletics for one year when they transfer from one district to another without changing residency. However, there are exceptions to the ineligibility provisions contained in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Bylaws.

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3315.062  
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CROSS REFS.: IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities  
IGDK, Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility  
IKF, Graduation Requirements  
JECBA, Admission of Exchange Students  
JGD, Student Suspension  
JGE, Student Expulsion  
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges  
Student Handbooks