

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/designee and administrative staff schedule meetings with all coaches and athletic directors to develop a comprehensive 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 athletic director in conjunction with the building principal is responsible for the administration of the interscholastic athletic program within his/her school. In fulfilling this responsibility, the principal consults with the athletic directors and coaches on various aspects of the interscholastic athletic program. It is the responsibility of the athletic director/principal and their 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 all approved coursework as specified by State law, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in order to qualify to serve as a coach.

In the conduct of interscholastic athletic programs, the rules, regulations and limitations outlined by the 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. In order to be eligible, students must have passed five credits that count toward graduation during the prior grading period. The five credits may be a combination of high school and college courses. The requirements also include 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.

If a student in grades 9-12 transfers at any time after establishing eligibility, the student is eligible for athletics for the first 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests in the sports the student participated in during the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer, and are ineligible for the remainder of the regular season contests and ineligible to participate in OHSAA tournaments in the sports until the one-year anniversary date of enrollment in the school to which the student transferred. If the transfer takes place during the sport season in which a student has participated in a regular season interscholastic contest, the student is ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season and the student must finish fulfilling his/her transfer consequence, for only that sport in which the mid-season transfer occurred, at the commencement of the sport season the next school year and is ineligible for all preseason and regular season contests until the total number of regular season contests missed (including those missed during the previous season) equals 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests in that sport. Exceptions to the eligibility provisions are outlined in the OHSAA Bylaws.

Resident students enrolled in community schools are permitted to participate in the District's interscholastic athletics program at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

Resident students attending STEM and STEAM schools are permitted to participate in the District's interscholastic athletics program at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

Resident students attending a nonpublic school are permitted to participate in the District's interscholastic athletic programs at the school to which the student would be assigned if the nonpublic school the student is enrolled in does not offer the activity. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

Resident students receiving home schooling in accordance with State law are permitted to participate in the District's interscholastic athletic programs at the school to which the student would be assigned. Students must be of the appropriate age and grade level as determined by the Superintendent and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant.

Foreign exchange students enrolled in a recognized visitor exchange program may be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in accordance with OHSAA Bylaws.

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CROSS REFS.: IGCF, Home Schooling
IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
IGDK, Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility
IKF, Graduation Requirements
JECBA, Admission of Exchange Students
JECBC, Admission of Students from State-Chartered, Nonchartered or Home
Schooling
JGD, Student Suspension
JGE, Student Expulsion
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges
Student Handbooks