

Interscholastic Sports

The interscholastic athletic program of this district shall be considered as an extracurricular part of the total school program. It is neither required nor part of the basic instructional program. Participation is considered a privilege.

The purpose of athletic programs in the secondary schools shall be:

1. To provide a wide base of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. To develop a strong program of competitive sports by:
 - a. Encouraging and developing talented athletes in all district-offered sports and providing sufficient opportunity, especially at the middle and high school level, for students to develop individual ability.
 - b. Encouraging the development of team spirit among all members of the team and their coaches.
 - c. Developing good attitudes or pride, sportsmanship and ethical behavior in students, participants and spectators.
 - d. Developing and maintaining a good relationship between athletic teams and the student body, faculty, administration and community.
 - e. Teaching fundamentals and techniques of each sport in a progressive sequence as appropriate for students at higher grade levels.
 - f. Providing student athletes with an awareness of potential opportunities afforded them through competitive athletics.

In keeping with the above goals and Title IX requirements, the Board shall fund girls' sports on an equal opportunity basis with boys' sports and shall permit and encourage coeducational teams when the particular sport is determined suitable as a coeducational activity.

The Board understands the motivation and values of playing to win at athletic contests and games. However, the Board does not condone "winning at any cost" and discourages pressures and practices that might tend to negatively affect sportsmanship and good physical and mental health practices.

Athletic associations and leagues

Membership of a district school in an interscholastic athletic association or league shall be subject to the approval of the Board. The Board or designee shall review the constitution and by-laws of such an organization and its rules for member teams before granting approval.

Customarily the principals of member schools or their designees are voting members of athletic organizations. It should be understood that such administrators serve as representatives of the district. Therefore, while voting on a change of by-laws or regulations that will in any way affect the schools or athletic teams of this district, this district's representative will vote in a manner consistent with the Board's philosophy and direction.

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