

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Participation in athletic competition will be in accordance with Board policies and regulations. While the Board takes great pride in winning, it does not condone "winning at any cost" and discourages any pressures which might tend to submerge good sportsmanship and good mental health beneath the desire to win.

The Superintendent and/or designee will schedule frequent conferences with all 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 sports 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 will consult with the athletic directors and coaches 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 public attendance at all athletic and physical education programs and the safety of students and the public.

Coaches will be required to complete an approved course in sports-related first aid training and a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation 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 will be the responsibility of the high school principal or designee 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 will include the requirements that a student have the written permission of his/her parent or guardian and shall have been determined as physically fit for the chosen sport by a licensed physician.

All students participating in interscholastic athletics must purchase insurance available through the school, or the parent or guardian must sign a waiver ensuring that such coverage is not necessary.

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 will make him/her an efficient member of a team and 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 athletic director, for infraction of school rules and regulations or for any other unacceptable conduct in or out of school.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 2305.23; 2305.231  
3313.66; 3313.661  
3315.062  
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CROSS REFS.: JGD, Student Suspension  
JGE, Student Expulsion  
Student Handbook