

Students

SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Board of Education considers sports and athletic activities a valuable part of the program of the school district and shall support these activities within the financial means of the District. Therefore, the Board supports within its resources a broad sports program with equal access for both males and females, with emphasis on maximum access or participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity. The District will comply with recommendations from the U. S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding Title IX equal opportunity for males and females in the District's total athletic program.

The interscholastic athletic program shall conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

The Board directs the administration to develop eligibility requirements for participation.

Selection/Classification Process

The Board approves the use of the selection/classification process as proscribed by NYSPHSAA for all secondary school interscholastic team members. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the procedures and maintain a file of those students deemed eligible as a result of those procedures.

Student Athletic Injuries

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if he/she is suffering from an injury. The diagnosis of and prescription of treatment for injuries is strictly a medical matter and should under no circumstances be considered within the province of the coach. A coach's responsibility is to see that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention, and that all details of a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition.

A medical release may be required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

Athletic Program - Safety

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- a) Requiring medical examinations of participants;

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- b) Obtaining appropriately certified and/or licensed officials to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games;
- c) Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines.

8 NYCRR Section 135