



BOARD POLICY

123-DRAFT-2 Interscholastic Athletics - Draft

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Purpose

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for community involvement.

The **interscholastic athletic** program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and ~~stimulates~~ **inspires** community interest.

~~The game, activities~~ **Interscholastic athletic** activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to teach the values of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, the program of **interscholastic athletics** ~~shall~~ includes all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this district or outside this district.

Authority

It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to ~~all students on an equal basis, regardless of sex, male and female students on~~ as **equal a basis as** is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance

with **applicable laws**, regulations **and Board policies**.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#)

The Board shall approve a program of interscholastic athletics and require that all facilities utilized in that program, whether or not the property of this District, properly safeguard both players and spectators and are kept free from hazardous conditions.[\[6\]](#)

The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in **the** interscholastic **athletic** program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic **athletic** activity, be covered by student accident insurance and undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician **to ensure that there are no obvious illnesses and/or injuries that would place the student or others at enhanced risk of injury**.[\[6\]](#) [\[7\]](#)

The ~~Board further adopts those~~ **adopts the** eligibility standards set by the Constitution **and Bylaws** of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (P.I.A.A.).

The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:[\[6\]](#)

1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.
2. Complied with the requirements of **applicable handbooks**, Board policies and administrative regulations. [\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#) [\[10\]](#)
3. ~~Complied with the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics and Board policies and administrative regulations related to student discipline.~~
4. Attended school regularly. [\[11\]](#)
5. Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice for the hours required.
6. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.
7. Adhered to ~~applicable discipline~~ **other** applicable **conduct** standards.

Off-Campus Activities

~~This policy shall also apply to Student conduct that occurs off school ~~district~~ property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist: or during nonschool hours shall comply with the provisions of the student discipline policy addressing on and off-campus activities.~~ [\[10\]](#)

- ~~1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school District furnished transportation.~~
- ~~2. The student is a member of the program of interscholastic athletics and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.~~
- ~~3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.~~
- ~~4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.~~
- ~~5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.~~
- ~~6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or the program of interscholastic athletics.~~

Delegation of Responsibility

Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and ~~each student athlete's~~ their parent/guardian shall sign and return the **acknowledgment** of receipt and review of the following: [\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#) [\[12\]](#) [\[13\]](#)

1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet, **that includes information about electrocardiogram testing.**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics, which shall include a complete schedule of events.

The Superintendent shall inform the Board of changes in the schedule as they occur.

The Superintendent or designee shall disseminate rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A. and the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment, **in accordance with Title IX regulations.**[\[3\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that interscholastic athletics are open to all eligible students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)

Guidelines

Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report

By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.[\[16\]](#)

By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the district's website.[\[16\]](#)

The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, on any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.[\[16\]](#)

~~Notification of Accidents and Injuries~~

~~All accidents occurring at school or during school activities shall be reported in the following manner:~~

- ~~1. All accidents that occur in the buildings, on school grounds, en route to and from school, or during school-related activities shall be reported to the school nurse if the accident occurs during the school day; to the athletic trainer if the accident occurs during an Athletic Activity when the school nurse is not present; or to the faculty advisor during non-athletic extracurricular activities when the nurse is not present.~~
- ~~2. The school nurse, athletic trainer, faculty advisor or supervising adult shall be responsible for making sure the accident report form is completed.~~
- ~~3. Where applicable, the accident reports must include notice of and comments concerning accidents that are of a repetitive nature or that occur repeatedly in a specific area, as such accidents may indicate a need for repair or adjustment in the environment.~~
- ~~4. The school nurse, athletic trainer or faculty advisor shall provide a copy of the accident report to the Director of Pupil Services/Special Education, the building Principal and other appropriate staff members within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.~~
- ~~5. The school nurse shall provide monthly reports to the Director of Pupil Services/Special Education regarding the number and nature of accidents.~~

Prescribed Medication

~~Medication prescribed by a physician may only be administered under the supervision of the school nurse, or the school nurse's designee to students involved in accidents.~~^[16]

~~In cases of foreseeable or repetitive injury, the medication approval form shall be completed and submitted to the District.~~

Procedures for All Injuries

~~The general responsibilities of the personnel at each school are to:~~

- ~~1. Immediately secure authorized care and stay with student until such care arrives.~~
- ~~2. Basic first aid may be rendered while waiting for nurse or emergency responders.~~
- ~~3. Notify the student's parents/guardians.~~
- ~~4. Arrange transportation for the student, where necessary, and wait with the student until transportation arrives.~~
- ~~5. Individual faculty/staff members may not provide such transportation.~~

~~School personnel shall not diagnose.~~

~~School personnel, except the school nurse, shall not administer medication of any sort.~~^[17]

Additional Procedures for Minor Injuries

~~Minor injuries to students, which require limited attention (cleansing, antiseptic, bandaid, etc.) shall be treated by the school nurse or athletic trainer.~~

~~Coaches and faculty advisors must keep a first-aid kit stocked and readily available.~~

~~Additional Procedures for Serious Injuries~~

~~Serious accidents and/or injuries, including any type of head injury (including a loss of consciousness), neck injury or back injury, must be immediately reported to the nurse or athletic trainer, contemporaneously with a 911 call and then the parents/guardians of the student shall be contacted.~~

~~In all cases of serious head, neck or back injury, the coach or faculty advisor must immediately contact the building principal, who shall be responsible for contacting the Director of Pupil Services/Special Education, the Superintendent, and other appropriate staff members.~~

~~The after-hours contact information of the building principal, the Director of Pupil Services/Special Education and Superintendent shall be provided to all coaches and faculty advisors~~

Name, Image and Likeness

Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for following the rules set by the P.I.A.A. for the student to maintain their amateur status in order to be continuously eligible to participate in the district's interscholastic athletics program. [17]

Students may use their own name, image and likeness for such permissible activities that include commercial endorsements, promotional activities, social media presence, product or service advertisements and unique digital items/assets. [17]

District employees and any individual affiliated with a P.I.A.A. member school, including booster clubs, coaches, collectives, administrators and alumni, are prohibited from soliciting, arranging, negotiating or paying for a student's use of their name, image and likeness and/or the provision of consideration to a student for the use of their name, image and likeness. This provision does not apply if the use of the name, image and likeness is for their own child. [17]

Students must notify the building principal or Athletic Director upon entering into any type of name, image and likeness contracts or agreements within seventy-two (72) hours of entering into such contract or agreement. Such notification does not serve as approval by the district of any name, image and likeness contract or agreement. [17]

Legal Footnotes

[1] 22 PA Code 4.27 LEGAL REFERENCE	[2] 24 P.S. 1601-C LEGAL REFERENCE
[3] 34 CFR 106.41 LEGAL REFERENCE	[4] Pol. 103 — Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students POLICY REFERENCE
[5] Pol. 103.1 — Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students With Disabilities POLICY REFERENCE	[6] 24 P.S. 511 LEGAL REFERENCE
[7] PIAA Bylaws, Article V LEGAL REFERENCE	[8] Pol. 123.1 — Concussion Management POLICY REFERENCE
[9] Pol. 123.2 — Sudden Cardiac Arrest POLICY REFERENCE	[10] Pol. 218 — Student Discipline POLICY REFERENCE
[11] Pol. 204 — Attendance POLICY REFERENCE	[12] 24 P.S. 5323 LEGAL REFERENCE
[13] 24 P.S. 1425 LEGAL REFERENCE	[14] 22 PA Code 12.1 LEGAL REFERENCE
[15] 22 PA Code 12.4 LEGAL REFERENCE	[16] 24 P.S. 1603-C LEGAL REFERENCE
[17] PIAA Bylaws, Article II LEGAL REFERENCE	[18] 22 PA Code 12.1 LEGAL REFERENCE
[20] 24 P.S. 1603-C LEGAL REFERENCE	

Legal References

Additional References

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