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2431 - **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The Board recognizes the value to the District and to the community of a program of interscholastic athletics for as many students as feasible and in accordance with Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity. The Board believes that it is the purpose of an interscholastic program to provide the benefits of an athletic experience to as large a number of student as feasible within the District.

The program of interscholastic athletics should provide students the opportunity to exercise and test their athletic abilities in a context greater and more varied than that which can be offered by a school or the School District alone.

The program should foster the growth of school loyalty with the student body as a whole and stimulate community interest in athletics.

Game activities and practice sessions should provide many opportunities to teach the values of competition and good sportsmanship.

Since the primary purpose of the athletic program is to enhance the education of participating students as indicated in this policy, the Board places top priority on maximum student participation and the values of good sportsmanship, team play, and fair competition, rather than on winning, particularly at sub-varsity levels. The Superintendent is to develop guidelines for coaches to follow which will ensure that as many students as possible have the opportunity to play so they have the opportunity to benefit from the learning experience.

The Board ~~further adopts those eligibility~~ criteria that meet or exceed the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) standards. ~~[] The Board further adopts the Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) compensation standards set by the Constitution of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), and directs the Superintendent to provide interscholastic athletics for students in accordance with the WIAA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board.~~ **[DRAFTING NOTE: If the District chooses this option, the district must comply with the WIAA's NIL policies and will likely be responsible for assuring that student athletes follow the rules as well. It is recommended that districts give a copy of the WIAA policies to students who participate in their sanctioned sports, especially those participating in NIL. Districts must monitor students who are participating in NIL, because if a student violates the WIAA policies, the district, the school, the team, and the student can be sanctioned by the WIAA for violations.]**

The Superintendent is authorized to establish ~~()~~ a set of behavior expectations **(X)** an athletic code ~~()~~ an activities code **[END OF OPTIONS]** for participants as well as the implementation of appropriate disciplinary procedures against those who violate these expectations.

The District provides the following safeguards:

- A. Prior to enrolling in the sport,
1. each participant shall submit to a thorough physical examination.
 2. parents shall report any past or current health problems along with a physician's statement that any such problems have or are being treated and pose no threat to the student's participation.
- B. Any student who is found to have a health condition which may be life-threatening to self or others shall not be allowed to participate until the situation has been analyzed by a physician that has determined the conditions under which the student may participate;
- C. Any student who incurs an injury requiring a physician's care is to have written approval by a physician prior to the student's return to participation;
- D. Any student suspected of having a head injury or concussion shall be provided with safety protocols specified in Policy 5340 - Student Accidents/Illness/Concussion.

In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes and maintain ethical standards, school personnel, coaches, athletic trainers, and lay coaches should never dispense, supply, recommend, or permit the use of any drug, medication, or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.

~~The guidelines should also provide a set of behavioral expectations for each type of participant. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to implement suitable disciplinary procedures against those who violate these sportsmanship expectations.~~

To support the efforts to strengthen sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity, the Board commits itself to:

- A. **(X)** adopt policies (upon recommendation of the administration) which reflect the District's educational objectives and promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity;
- B. ~~(-) attend and enjoy school athletic activities, serving as a positive role model and expecting the same from parents, fans, participants, coaches, and other school personnel;~~
- C. ~~(-) support and reward participants, coaches, school administrators, and fans who display good sportsmanship.~~

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