

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 Policy #4450

4 Policy Name: *Interscholastic Activities*

5 Regulation: -----

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7 The District recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic activities as an integral part of the
8 total school experience. The program of interscholastic activities shall include all activities relating
9 to competitive sport or intellectual contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual
10 students or teams of students of this District when such events occur between schools outside this
11 District.

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13 All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the
14 property of the District, shall be inspected on a regular basis. Participants will be issued equipment
15 that has been properly maintained and fitted.

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17 An activity coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the
18 coach's job description. A syllabus which outlines the skills, techniques and safety measures
19 associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach. All personnel coaching
20 intramural or interscholastic activities will hold a current valid First Aid Certificate.

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22 The Board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic activities.
23 While the District will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each parent or guardian
24 will be required to sign an "assumption of risk" statement which indicates that the parents assume all
25 risks for injuries resulting from such participation. Each participant shall be required to furnish
26 evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A participant
27 shall be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness before participating in any event.

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29 Coaches and/or trainers may not issue medicine of any type to students. This provision does not
30 preclude the coach and/or trainer from using approved first aid items.

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32 School Sponsored Student Activities

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34 1. Student Organizations:

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36 a. All curricular student clubs or organizations must be approved by the administration. Secret
37 or clandestine organizations or groups will not be permitted.
38 b. Bylaws and rules of curricular student clubs or organizations must not be contrary to Board
39 policy or to administrative rules and regulations.
40 c. Procedures in curricular student clubs or organizations must follow generally accepted
41 democratic practices in the acceptance of members and nomination and election of officers.
42 d. Student led and initiated non-curricular student groups may meet at school in accordance
43 with District Policy without the sponsorship of the School District.
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45 2. Social Events

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47 a. Social events must have prior approval of the administration.
48 b. Social events must be held in school facilities unless approved by the Board.
49 c. Social events must be chaperoned at all times.

- 1 d. Attendance at high school social events and dances shall be limited to high school students,
2 and middle school social events shall be limited to middle school students, unless prior
3 permission is received from the principal.
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5 3. Extracurricular Activities
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- 7 a. Academic and behavior eligibility rules are established by MHSA rules and District policy.
8 b. Any student convicted of a criminal offense may, at the discretion of school officials,
9 become ineligible for such a period of time as the school officials may decide.
10 c. In establishing an interscholastic program, the Board directs the administration to:
11 i. Open all sports to all students enrolled in the District, with an equal opportunity for
12 participation.
13 ii. Open all sports to residents of the school district and who is at least 5 years of age and
14 not more than 19 on or before September 10 of the year in which participation in
15 extracurricular activities is sought by such child in accordance with the provisions of
16 this policy.
17 iii. Recommend sports activities based on interest inventories completed by the students.
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19 4. Participation in District Extracurricular Activities by Unenrolled Children
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- 21 a. Any child identified in Section 3.c.ii of this policy who is attending a nonpublic or home
22 school meeting the requirements of section 20-5-109:
23 i. Is eligible to seek to participate in any extracurricular activity of the District that is
24 offered to pupils of the district who are of the same age.
25 ii. Is subject to the same standards for participation as those required of full-time pupils
26 enrolled in the school and the same rules of any interscholastic organization of
27 which the school of participation is a member as specified in Section 3.a. and 3.b. of
28 this policy and any related student or activity handbook provisions.
29 iii. Will be assessed for purposes of placement, team formation and cuts using the same
30 criteria as used for full-time pupils enrolled in the District.
31 b. In cases where there is more than one school serving the same age group within District
32 boundaries, a child under Section 4 of this policy shall be subject to the same school zone
33 rules applicable to full-time pupils of the District. Participation for one school for one sport
34 and another school for another sport is prohibited.
35 c. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a nonpublic
36 school as specified under Section 4.a.ii of this policy shall be attested by the head
37 administrator of the nonpublic school. No further verification shall be required.
38 d. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a home
39 school as specified under Section 4.a.ii shall be attested in writing by the educator providing
40 the student instruction with verification by the school principal for the school of
41 participation. The verification may not include any form of student assessment.
42 e. Students participating in extracurricular activities under Section 4 of this policy may be
43 considered part-time enrollees for purposes of ANB in accordance with Policy 3150, 3121,
44 and 3121P.
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46 5. Designation of Athletic Teams
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48 Unless otherwise prohibited by Policy 3210 or federal law, District sponsored athletic teams or
49 sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students who are biologically of
50 the male sex. District sponsored athletic teams or events may be designated as one of the following

1 based on biological sex in accordance with applicable MHSA rules, this Policy, federal law, Policy
2 3210, or the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 405 (2021):

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- 4 a. males, men, or boys;
- 5 b. females, women, or girls; or
- 6 c. coed or mixed.
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8 This section of this Policy is void 21 days after the date the United States Secretary of Education
9 files a written report with the proper committees of the United States House of Representatives and
10 the United States Senate as required by 34 CFR 100.8(c) due to the enforcement of Chapter 405
11 (2021).

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16 **Cross Reference:** Policy 3150 Part Time Attendance
17 Policy 3121-3121P Enrollment and Attendance
18 Policy 3233 Student use of Buildings-Equal Access
19 Policy 3550 Student Clubs
20 Policy 2332 Religion and Religious Activities
21 Policy 3222 Distribution and Posting Materials
22 Policy 3233 Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access
23 Policy 4331 Use of School Property for Posting Notices
24 Policy 3416 Administering Medication to Students

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27 **Legal Reference:** Chapter 297, 2021 General Legislative Session
28 Chapter 269, 2021 General Legislative Session
29 Chapter 405, 2021 General Legislative Session
30 10.55.707, ARM Certificates
31 34 CFR 100.8(c) Procedure for Effecting Compliance
32 *Bostock v. Clayton County Georgia*, 140 S.Ct. 1731 (2020)

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34 **Policy History:**
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