

Existing policy with an optional modification to consider.

Instruction

Interscholastic Competition

As members of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the student athlete at the middle and high school levels must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the C.I.A.C. In addition, local eligibility will be determined by requirements of each individual school.

The above requirements pertaining to interscholastic athletic programs shall also be applicable to the esports program approved by the Board.

Students with disabilities, possessing the required level of skill or ability to participate in a competitive program or activity, shall be afforded an equal opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities, which include club, intramural or interscholastic athletics. The District shall make reasonable modifications and provide those aids and services that are necessary to afford a “qualified” disabled student the opportunity to participate in co-curricular athletics, unless it results in a fundamental alteration to the District’s program. The District will consider whether safe participation by a disabled student can be assured through reasonable modifications or the provision of aids and services.

The District may create additional opportunities for students with disabilities who cannot participate in the existing co-curricular athletics program, even with reasonable modifications or aids and services, in order to afford such students an equal opportunity to receive the benefits of co-curricular athletics.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-149 Qualifications for coaches of intramural and interscholastic athletics.

Stratton, PPA v. St. Joseph's High School, Bridgeport Superior Court, June 4, 1986 (12 CT 26) 9/87.

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, “Dear Colleague Letter”, 113 LRP 3326 (OCR 1/25/13)

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