

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic athletics meet the urge for competition, which is a basic American tradition, but also teaches that a penalty follows the violation of a rule. This gives students an early understanding that participation in athletics is a privilege that carries responsibility.

The Board recognizes that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of each participant with emphasis on the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Athletics should encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the participants.

In addition to providing opportunities for participants, interscholastic athletic programs provide opportunities for developing positive school morale, being good hosts to visiting schools and exercising the qualities of fair play and courtesy. The interscholastic athletic program should be considered a part of the school curriculum, educational in purpose and conduct.

The athletic program affords opportunities for wholesome school-community relations under constructive conditions. It is the responsibility of school authorities to inform the community regarding the purposes of the program. The community should recognize that an athletic contest is an integral part of the school program because of its educational values. If interscholastic athletics cease to possess educational value, then these should cease to be school functions.

The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school students in interscholastic athletic activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allows.

The District shall maintain membership in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and the District's conference. The District shall abide by all WIAA and conference rules and regulations, and student athletes shall also be expected to abide by all eligibility and training requirements established by the Board and administration.

No student shall be permitted to participate in any District sponsored interscholastic athletic team unless the student returns the concussion and head injury information sheet to the coach signed by the student and a parent/guardian, if the student is under the age of 19.

The District shall not discriminate in student participation in athletic programs or activities, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy does not, however, prohibit the district from placing a student in a program or activity based on objective standards of individual performance, providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District, or from providing separate toilet, locker and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
118.293
120.12(23)
120.13(1)
PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative code
CROSS REF.: 370, Co-Curricular Activities and Programs
377.1, Attendance at State Tournaments
411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures
Athletic Code

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