

## **SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

Athletics are an integral part of a well balanced educational program. Therefore, the Board supports within its resources a broad sports program with equal access for both males and females, with emphasis on maximum participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity.

The interscholastic athletic program shall conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Eligibility for interscholastic athletic competition requires that the students:

- a) Provide written parental/guardian consent;
- b) Pass satisfactorily the medical examination administered by the school physician; and
- c) Meet the requirements for interscholastic competition as set forth by the Commissioner's Regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPhAA).

Each school shall be represented on the Conference level by three (3) individuals designated by the Superintendent. Such representatives shall include at least one person charged with the responsibility of the athletic program; a person of the opposite gender who is a physical education teacher; and a school administrator.

### **Athletic Placement Process**

The Board approves the use of the athletic placement process for all secondary school interscholastic team members. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the procedures and maintain a file of those students deemed eligible as a result of those procedures.

### **Student Athletic Injuries**

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if he/she is suffering from an injury. The diagnosis of and prescription of treatment for injuries is strictly a medical matter and should under no circumstances be considered within the province of the coach. A coach's responsibility is to see that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention, and that all details of a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition.

If a student suffers a serious illness or injury, or is absent from school due to illness for five (5) consecutive days, that student will not be re-admitted to the sport unless the re-admission is approved by the school physician after the re-examination has been conducted.

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### **Athletic Program - Safety**

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- a) Requiring medical examinations of participants;
- b) Obtaining appropriately certified and/or licensed officials to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games.
- c) Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Section 135

### **Athletic Program - Supervision of Students**

Students working on any activity must be supervised by the employee in charge of the activity. This applies to all activities and permission to hold practices or meetings must not be granted unless an employee is definitely in charge.

- a) Physical education personnel in the School District will be fully responsible for the supervision of all students in either their class or their after school activities. The coaches will maintain supervision over the dressing rooms by personally being present during the dressing periods.
- b) Coaches are responsible for the supervision of their athletes at the end of practice. This may entail bus duty, or making sure students have transportation home.
- c) Teachers and/or assigned school personnel in the elementary grades will be responsible for the playground supervision of all the children under their jurisdiction during the recess periods and before the regular afternoon sessions. The principal will distribute the responsibility so that the playground situation will be properly controlled.
- d) Students are not to be sent on any type of errand away from the building without the consent of the principal.

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