
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic activities as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the district and to the community. All District athletic and activity programs are designed to promote active and healthy lifestyles and to maximize participation within safety protocols, fiscal constraints and the demonstrated capabilities of students. The program of interscholastic activities will include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district when such events occur between separate schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The Board requires that:

- A. All interscholastic activities and events shall be in compliance with the current rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The schools of the district will not participate in any out-of-season athletics that are not sanctioned by the WIAA.
- B. The District will not be responsible or liable for non-school-sponsored programs or for programs that are organized, promoted or participated in by staff members without District approval. The District will not be responsible for or control and incur liability for summer and/or out-of-season activities unless specifically sponsored and/or approved by the school district. The Superintendent will establish procedures defining the circumstances under which school facilities and/or equipment may be used and under which announcements of summer sports leagues and/or clinics may be channeled to students.
- C. An athletic coach must be qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description.
- D. A syllabus which outlines the expectations, requirements and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach.
- E. All coaches, paid and volunteer, will hold all valid certifications as required by WIAA and the District. In-service training opportunities will be afforded each coach so that he/she is able to maintain the required certification.
- F. Prior to a sports season, the coach, in coordination with and approval of the site athletic director, will prepare a plan for handling medical emergencies at practice sessions and games (home and away).
- G. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained, inspected and fitted.
- H. All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the district, will be inspected by the coach on a regular basis. All equipment and facility concerns will be immediately brought to the attention of the site athletic director for resolution.
- I. On a regular basis, all coaches will present to their teams information related to the negative effects of alcohol and other drug, including anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substance use and abuse on personal health. A sign will be posted

in each locker room that warns students that eligibility to participate will be denied if alcohol and/or other drugs, including anabolic steroids are illegally used.

- J. The Board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic sports. While the District will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each participant and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to sign a statement which indicates that the parent(s) and the student acknowledge the risks of injuries resulting from such participation and give assurance that the student will follow the instructions of the coach.
- K. Each participant will be required to furnish evidence having successfully passed a physical examination, performed by a licensed medical professional, prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A written report will be completed when a student is injured while participating in a school-supervised activity. A participant will be approved for participation by a licensed health care provider before returning to any activity.
- L. Each student participating in interscholastic athletic activities is required to have or obtain medical insurance for expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained while participating in the extracurricular activity. Students will provide evidence of coverage with a minimum limit of \$25,000 in medical expenses or will obtain, and maintain throughout the season, such coverage through the insurance plan offered to all students participating in activities in the district. No student will be denied the ability to participate solely because the student's family, by reason of low income, is unable to pay the entire amount of the premium for such insurance. The Superintendent or his or her designee may approve partial or full waiver of premiums to permit all students to obtain the required medical insurance.

The Superintendent's designee will annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic activities for the school year. The Superintendent's designee will prepare rules for the conduct of student activities including, but not limited to, use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, including anabolic steroids and performance-enhancing drugs; unsportsmanlike conduct; absence from practice; gambling; or any infraction of civil law. Rules and disciplinary actions related to rule violations will be distributed to, and acknowledged by, each participant and his/her parents prior to the beginning of an interscholastic activity season.



Cross References

Substance Abuse Program	Policy 2121
Student Immunization	Policy 3413
Infectious Diseases.....	Policy 3414
Medications at School.....	Policy 3416
Emergency Treatment	Policy 3418
Use of School Facilities.....	Policy 4260
Safety	Policy 6510
Infection Control Program	Policy 6412

Legal References

Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability and salary insurance authorized—Premiums	RCW 28A.400.350
Interscholar athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students, regulation of—Delegation, conditions.....	RCW 28A.600.200
Public Warnings – School districts	RCW 69.41.330
Student athletics—Violations—Penalty.....	RCW 69.41.340

Management Resources

WIAA Handbook	<i>Policy and Legal News</i> , December 2014
.....	<i>Policy and Legal News</i> , April 2013
.....	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2007

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