

SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

General Principles and Eligibility

Athletics are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. The District's interscholastic athletic program will conform with the Commissioner's regulations, as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Athletic eligibility requires that the student:

- a) Provide written parental/guardian consent. The consent form must contain information regarding mild traumatic brain injuries (concussions) as specified in the Commissioner's regulations.
- b) Obtain medical clearance from the school physician/nurse practitioner or the student's personal physician. The school physician/nurse practitioner retains final approval on any physicals performed by a student's personal physician.
- 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.
- d) Comply with all District rules, codes, and standards applicable to athletic participation.

Title IX Compliance

The Board supports equal athletic opportunities for members of both sexes through interscholastic and intramural activities. To ensure equal athletic opportunities for its students, the District will consider:

- a) its accommodation of athletic interests and abilities (the nature and extent of the sports program to be offered including the levels of competition, team competition, and team performance);
- b) equipment and supplies;
- c) scheduling of games and practice time;
- d) travel costs and opportunities for travel;
- e) assignment and compensation of coaches
- f) locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities;
- g) available medical and training facilities and services; and
- h) the nature and extent of support, publicity and promotion including cheerleading, bands, published programs distributed at games, and booster club activities.

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Title IX Compliance (Cont'd.)

The District may consider other pertinent factors as well. Each of the factors will be assessed by comparing availability, quality, type of benefits, kind of opportunities, and form of treatment. Identical benefits, opportunities, or treatment are not required.

The District's Civil Rights Compliance Officer will coordinate the District's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX. This person will be appropriately trained and possess comprehensive knowledge about applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and policies. To the extent possible, the District will not designate an employee whose other job duties may create a conflict of interest, such as the athletic director.

Booster Clubs

The District has a responsibility under Title IX to ensure that boys' and girls' programs are provided with equivalent benefits, treatment, services and opportunities regardless of their source. When determining equivalency, benefits, services and opportunities attained through the use of private funds – including donations, fundraising and booster clubs - must be considered in combination with all benefits, services and opportunities.

Athletic Placement Process for Interschool Athletic Programs (APP)

The APP is a method for evaluating students who want to participate in sports at higher or lower levels, consistent with their physical and emotional maturity, size, fitness level, and skills. The Board approves the use of the APP for all secondary school interscholastic team members. The Superintendent will implement procedures for the APP, and will direct the athletic director to maintain records of students who have successfully completed the APP.

Student Athletic Injuries

No injured student will be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest. An appropriate medical professional should diagnose and treat an athlete's injuries. The coach should ensure that any player injured while under his or her care receives prompt and appropriate medical attention, and that all of the medical professional's treatment instructions are followed. The injured student has an obligation to promptly inform his or her coach of all injuries. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition. A physician's certificate may be required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

Concussions

A student who has sustained or is believed to have sustained a mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) must be immediately removed from athletic activities. If there is any doubt, it shall be presumed that the student is so injured until proven otherwise. Before being permitted to return to athletic

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Concussions (Cont'd.)

activity, a student must be symptom free for not less than twenty-four (24) hours and have been evaluated by and received written and signed authorization from a licensed physician. Additionally, for extra class athletic activities, a student must have received clearance from the School District Medical Director to participate in such activity. For more information, please refer to Policy # 7522 *Concussion Management*.

Athletic Program - Safety

The District will take reasonable steps to minimize physical risks posed to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program by:

- a) requiring timely medical examinations of participants;
- b) employing certified and/or licensed staff to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games and practices;
- c) providing or requiring certified or licensed officials to officiate all competitions;
- d) ensuring that its players' equipment is safe and operative within applicable manufacturers' guidelines;
- e) ensuring that all home fields, courts, pools, tracks, and other areas where athletes practice, warm-up, or compete are safe and appropriate for use;
- f) providing professional development and training opportunities for all coaching staff; and
- g) adhering to protocol listed later in this policy when appointing volunteer assistant coaches.

Supervision of Students in Physical Education and/or Athletic Activities

Students participating in any sports or physical education related activities must be supervised by the coach or teacher in charge of the activity. Permission to hold practices or meetings must not be granted unless a teacher or coach is in charge.

- a) Physical education personnel and coaches will be fully responsible for the supervision of all students during class and/or after school activities. Teachers and coaches will maintain supervision over the dressing rooms by being within hearing range 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.

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC Section 1681 et. seq.
New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135 and 136
45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 86

NOTE: Refer also to: Policy #3260----Booster Clubs/Parent Teacher Organizations and Other Sponsoring Organizations
Policy #5840.1--E-Mail Acceptable Use
Policy #5840.4--Limited Personal Use of Technology Resources
Policy #6218----Selection of Athletic Coaches and Athletic Trainers
Policy #7450----Fund Raising by Students

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