

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF EDISON TOWNSHIP  
EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837  
HEALTH SERVICES

- Interscholastic Athletic Department -

**PERMISSION FORM FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Section: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for the privilege of trying out for the \_\_\_\_\_ team during the \_\_\_\_\_ season. I will conduct myself in a manner that will bring honor to my team, school and community.

Rules and regulations governing membership on an interscholastic athletic team:

**I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (BOE Policy #6145.2)**

- Interscholastic Athletics: Grades 6-12

**1. Definition:** All Board-approved athletic activities in grades 6-12 sanctioned by the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association.

**2. Eligibility:** The board adopts the eligibility requirements of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) without revision and as may be changed from time to time – with the exception that the Board adopts the following additional requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics.

a. Students must adhere to Board rules and regulations regarding conduct and attendance.

b. Academic Requirements

- To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (September 1 to January 31) of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, students must have passed, during the immediately preceding school year, 25% of the credits (32.5) required by the Board of graduation. (Transfer students enrolling in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher must have passed, during the immediately preceding school year, 25% of the credits required for graduation by the Board of Education in the school district from which they transferred).
- To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (February 1 to June 30) of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, students must have achieved an academic record during the first semester, which represents - on an annual basis - successful completion of 25% of the credits (32.5) required by the Board for graduation. (Transfer students enrolling in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher must have achieved an academic record during the first semester which represents - on an annual basis - successful completion of 25% of the credits required for graduation by the Board of Education in the school district from which they transferred).

**EXCEPTION: If students earn more than three-quarters of the credits (97.5) required for graduation by the end of grade 11, they may be eligible in the second semester of the senior year even if they carry less than 25% of the credits required for graduation during their senior year. This eligibility is contingent on - At the end of the first semester of their senior year, students must fulfill NJSIAA eligibility requirements and must be passing a sufficient number of courses to meet local Board requirements for their scheduled (June) graduating class.**

**II. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

- All candidates must pass a physical examination conducted by an approved healthcare provider as outlined in Board of Education Policy #5141.
- Students who are disqualified by the school physician from participating in a sport may appeal a disapproval to the Superintendent of Schools.
- Students who have lost an organ, limb or appendage, but who are otherwise qualified, may not be excluded from participating in contact sports. However, such students must appeal to the Superintendent of Schools, providing a statement of approval from the doctor most familiar with their condition and the parents/guardians will be required to sign a waiver furnished by the Board of Education.

**III. ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Any of the following infractions may be cause for disciplinary action, including denial of a letter and/or post-season awards, exclusion from post-season award ceremonies, suspension or dismissal from the team as determined by the principal, supervisor of athletics, coach or activity staff. All rules are in effect the entire calendar year, on or off of school property.

- A. Bringing discredit to team or school, including disruptive behavior during games (i.e.: yellow cards, "T", ejection)
- B. Destroying or stealing equipment
- C. Suspension from school for serious offenses as per the discipline policy, including smoking (tobacco use), assaults, fighting or other inappropriate conduct
- D. The use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs (Controlled Dangerous Substances as defined in N.J.S.A.2C: 35-2, without a physicians' prescription, referred to as "CDS's") is strictly prohibited. Students must depart from such affairs or situations immediately upon discovering that alcohol or CDS's are present
- E. Unauthorized absenteeism from school as per BOE Policy #5133
- F. Failure to maintain academic standards as per BOE Policy #6145.2 as stated under "I. Eligibility Requirements"
- G. Any falsification of documents

**IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Appropriate dress and grooming for school and games are expected.
- B. Athletes desiring to drop from a sport must notify their coach and they must get approval from their coach to play on any outside teams during their season.
- C. Lost equipment must be paid for by that individual.
- D. Athletes are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times.
  - **Athletes will be held accountable for their actions or indiscretions on and off the playing field/court.**

**V. PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Parents and spectators are encouraged to support our athletes and coaches in a positive manner and to be positive role models.
- B. We encourage parents/guardians to follow the proper chain of command – always speak with the coach first.
- C. We ask that you show respect towards school personnel, security, police, coaches, officials, athletes, opponents and other spectators.
- D. We ask that you support the fact that players play, coaches coach and officials officiate, and that good sportsmanship be displayed at all times.

**\*Rude or unruly behavior on the part of athletes, parents, guardians or spectators will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the playing area and a subsequent ban from all co-curricular/athletic events.**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

My daughter/son has my permission to participate in the Interscholastic Athletic Program at the middle schools or Edison/John P. Stevens High School. Realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury that is inherent in all sports, I/we acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. I/we realize that on rare occasions, these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability or even death. I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understand this warning.

Signature of Student	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
Signature of Coach	Date