

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

Series 6400

Curriculum Design – Co-Curricular and Athletic Programs

Policy 6440

Interscholastic Programs

It is the Board's policy to provide high school students with interscholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Students shall be allowed to participate in individual sports on the basis of their physical condition, their desire, and their academic standing. Qualified personnel shall be provided for coaching and supervising individual sports.

Interscholastic programs shall meet the following conditions:

Participation in interscholastic athletics is limited to high school students. The administration shall establish criteria as a basis for determining the interscholastic sports available for the various grade levels.

Those having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the Board and the administration, including such matters as schedules, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.

The Darien Public Schools are a member of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference and in all athletic matters will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of sports that CIAC encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic program is determined in accordance with CIAC regulations.

The district's participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the Board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, and of rules for student participation.

Insurance against accident or injury shall be offered by the district for students engaging in interscholastic athletics.

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