

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> <b>OPERATION OF TOWER LIGHTING FOR KAMITIAN FIELD</b>	<i>Code</i> <b>KFCA</b>
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The School Committee believes that the town of Holliston, its students, parents, and townspeople, will benefit because of the use of tower lighting at Kamitian Field. Holliston High School's Interscholastic Program supports healthy lifestyles and builds community among students, student-athletes, parents, faculty and community members. It is this feeling of community that the School Committee believes is enhanced through the tower lighting. The lighting allows members of the community to watch interscholastic contests at more convenient times.

However, the School Committee views the athletic program as an extension of our academic curriculum. The Holliston School Committee's first priority to its students is to provide an atmosphere conducive to academic accomplishment and excellence. To this end, we believe that the lighting of nighttime games should be limited so that students and parents will not need to confront possible attendance at night games frequently on school nights with possible impact on homework and upon other household priorities.

The Committee is also aware of the Schools' need to be a good neighbor to the abutting and nearby landowners. Therefore, the School Committee adopts the following policy regarding tower lighting use:

1. The number of tower illumination uses shall not exceed 20 events per each academic year (equally distributed as much as possible between boys' soccer, girls' soccer, field hockey and football) with unspecified additional nighttime lighting allowed for post-season games. The scheduling of post-season nighttime games and the above 20 events is at the discretion of the Athletic Director. Tower illuminations shall take place only for interscholastic athletic events involving Holliston Public school varsity and junior varsity teams.
2. Except during urgent or unforeseen circumstances, tower lights shall not be illuminated beyond 9:30 p.m. on weeknights and 10:00 p.m. on weekends. However, in all instances they shall be turned off at the earliest time practicable, no later than one-half hour after the contest ends.
3. At least one police officer shall be detailed where crowd control reasonably warrants their use. The decision regarding the need for and the number of police officers rests with the Athletic Director.
4. The Holliston Police Department shall be expected to enforce existing parking regulations on the streets surrounding the high school grounds.
5. Costs of operation and maintenance of the tower lights and any new costs associated with lighted events (e.g. extraordinary nighttime police details, trash removal, rental and deployment of toilet facilities and grounds' maintenance, etc.) shall be paid for by sources outside the town appropriation to the schools. These funding sources may include but are not restricted to: proceeds of ticket sales, the athletic revolving fund account or donations to the gift revolving account.
6. The School Committee takes noise annoyance seriously. Compressed air horns and other electrical or mechanical sound generating devices are not allowed at nighttime events and actions will be taken as deemed appropriate by the superintendent or superintendent's designee to discourage their use. Likewise, the volume of the public address system will be monitored to avoid undue annoyance to abutters. The public address system must be turned off at the conclusion of the contest. The Public Address system will be designed, installed and operated to comply at all times with the town by-law governing noise (Section V-N Performance Standards, item 4 page 66).
7. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall address complaints bearing upon the implementation of this policy, but the School Committee recognizes its ultimate responsibility for the policy design.

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