

Board of Education Policy

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Introduction

Interscholastic athletics for boys and girls is an integral and desirable part of the district's secondary school educational program. Individual and team sports shall be based upon comprehensive physical education instruction and intramural activities, seeking broad participation from all eligible secondary students. Lifetime or carry-over sports are to be particularly encouraged and supported. Parity in the number and kind of sports activities for girls and boys is a clear objective of the district. Interscholastic athletics in New York State is governed by the Commissioner of Education through the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA). Section XI is the local subsidiary designated to carry out NYSPHSAA policies and regulations. Miller Place Union Free School District is a member of Section XI and NYSPHSAA.

Student Eligibility

Student eligibility for participation on interscholastic teams shall include:

1. Authorization by the school physician
 - a. A student athlete is ineligible if he or she is medically excused from participation in a physical education class.
2. Written parent or guardian consent
3. Academic Eligibility Compliance (Policy #5305)
4. Classroom and School Attendance Compliance (Policy #5160)
5. Parent and athletes written consent of the Acknowledgement Form including understanding of
 - a. MPUFSD Hazing policy (Policy#5020.4)
 - b. District Drug and Alcohol policy
 - c. Interscholastic Athletics handbook for Student Athletes and Parents
 - i. No more than one discipline episode resulting in suspension per athletic season.
 - ii. No more than one misconduct penalty (sports specific) per athletic season.
 - iii. Behavior that promotes positive sportsmanship

Funding

The funding of interscholastic athletics shall be regulated according to the applicable case and statutory law as well as the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Cross-Ref: Policy #5305, #5160, #5020.4

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