

**INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES: 2151**

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The District recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic activities as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the district and to the community. The program of interscholastic activities shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district when such events occur between separate schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The District expects that:

- A. All interscholastic activities and events shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The schools of the district shall not participate in any out-of-season athletics that are not sanctioned by the WIAA. The District shall not be responsible or liable for nonschool-sponsored programs or for programs that are organized, promoted or participated in by staff members without school approval. The District shall not be responsible for or control and incur liability for summer and/or out-of-season activities unless specifically sponsored by the school district. The Superintendent/designee shall establish rules defining the circumstances under which school facilities may be used and under which announcements of summer sports leagues and/or clinics may be channeled to students.
- B. An athletic coach must be qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description.
- C. A syllabus which outlines the skills, techniques and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach. A coach must secure permission in advance if he/she wishes to deviate from the syllabus.
- D. Coaching stipends shall be approved by the board of directors.
- E. All gifts to coaches are subject to District Policy 5251 – Conflicts of Interest. No gift should be more than a nominal gesture of appreciation and in no case should have any bearing on purchases of equipment, playing time, roster status, or in any other way influence decisions made by the coach.
- F. In-service training opportunities will be afforded each coach so that he/she is trained to attend to the health care needs of participants. Prior to a sports season, the coach will prepare a plan for handling medical emergencies at practice sessions and games (home and away).
- G. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained and fitted.
- H. All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the District, shall be inspected on a regular basis.
- I. The District recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic sports. While the District will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each participant and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to sign a statement which indicates that the parent(s) and the student acknowledge the risks of injuries resulting from such participation and give assurance that the student will follow the instructions of the coach.

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- J. Each participant shall be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A written report shall be completed when a student is injured while participating in a school-supervised activity. A participant shall be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness before participating in any activity.
- K. Each student participating in interscholastic athletic activities is required to have or obtain medical insurance for expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained while participating in the extracurricular activity.

The Superintendent/designee shall prepare rules for the conduct of student activities including, but not limited to, use of alcoholic beverages; use of tobacco (including e-cigarettes); use or possession of illegal chemical substances or opiates not prescribed by a physician; unsportsmanlike conduct; absence from practice; gambling; or any infraction of civil law. Rules and disciplinary actions related to rule violations shall be distributed to each participant and his/her parents prior to the beginning of an interscholastic activity season.

Cross References: Administrative Policy – 2121 Administrative Policy – 3413  Administrative Policy – 3414 Administrative Policy – 3416 Administrative Policy – 3418 Administrative Policy – 4260 Administrative Policy – 6510 Administrative Policy – 6512 Administrative Policy – 6530	Substance Abuse Program (if used) Student Immunization and Life Threatening Conditions Control of Infectious Diseases Medication at School Emergency Treatment Use of School Facilities Safety Control of Infectious Diseases Insurance
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WIAA Handbook

Legal References: RCW 28A.400.350  RCW 28A.600.200  RCW 69.41.330 RCW 69.41.340	Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized– When required–Premiums  Interschool athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students–Authority to regulate– Delegation of authority– Conditions  Public Warnings–School districts Student athletics–Violations–Penalty
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