

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

### Availability

Interscholastic athletics shall be made available for students in the high schools (grades 9-12) and may be available to students in the junior high/middle schools (grades 7-8). The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain an athletic program that emphasizes participation of the maximum number of students and conforms to the guidelines of the Alabama High School Athletic Association and Title IX. Students shall at all times adhere to the regulations and procedures of the athletic program.

### Responsibility

The principal of each school will be responsible for the school's overall interscholastic athletic program, including the behavior of the school team, students, and spectators at all athletic functions held at home and away. The principal will ensure that the school's athletic program conforms to the rules of the Alabama High School Athletic Association; approve all expenditures related to athletic programs; approve athletic schedules, and ensure safety precautions are taken when transporting students to school-sponsored athletic events.

### Parental Consent and Physical Examinations

A student engaging in a school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall have written parental consent on file prior to tryout and shall have successfully passed a physical examination by a licensed physician. The physical examination form signed by the licensed physician shall state that the student is in appropriate cardiovascular condition to participate in the respective sport.

### Insurance Requirement

Athletic Programs -- All student athletes participating in athletic programs shall be required to purchase school accident insurance or provide school officials with a parental statement that sufficient coverage is otherwise provided by the parent.

Responsibility -- The principal and the athletic director/coach shall assure the Board, through the Superintendent or designee, that the provisions of this policy are met annually before a student shall be allowed to participate in any interscholastic athletic activity, including tryouts.

Catastrophic Insurance

All students participating in varsity athletic activities must be insured under a catastrophic student accident policy or provide school officials with a parental statement that sufficient coverage is otherwise provided by the parent.

Insurance Disclaimer Statement

The Board hereby notifies students and parents/guardians that insurance coverage for injuries associated with school system athletic programs is the sole responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of each respective student athlete. Further, the Board hereby declares that it will not assume any financial responsibility for medical treatment associated with student athletic injuries while participating in school system athletic events.

Number of Activities

The Board permits students to participate in as many athletic activities and academic activities as he/she is capable while maintaining eligibility.

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