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**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The purposes of athletic programs in the secondary schools of the District shall be:

1. To provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. To develop a strong program of competitive sports:
  - a. By encouraging and developing talented athletes in all sports and providing sufficient opportunity, especially at the middle school level, for students to develop individual ability;
  - b. By encouraging the development of team spirit among all members of the team and their coaches;
  - c. By developing good attitudes, pride, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior in students, participants, and spectators;
  - d. By developing and maintaining a good relationship between athletic teams and the student body, faculty, administration, and community;
  - e. By teaching fundamentals and techniques of each sport in a progressive sequence as appropriate for students at higher grade levels;
  - f. By providing student athletes with an awareness of potential opportunities as afforded them through competitive athletics.

In keeping with the above goals, the Board shall seek to fund girls' sports on an equal opportunity basis with boys' sports and shall permit and encourage coeducational teams when the particular sport is determined suitable as a coeducational activity. The Board of Education shall encourage students, faculty, and the community to recognize the value of athletics in relation to the total school program.

**Conduct Rules for Student-Athletes**

The student-athlete (the term student-athlete as used hereinafter includes athletes and student managers) shall obey training and conduct rules appropriate to his/her obligation to teammates, coaches, teachers, and school, as well as to all representatives of hosting and visiting schools.

These regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The student-athlete must
  - a. Not be involved in the use, possession, distribution, gift, purchase, exchange or sale of alcohol;
  - b. Not smoke or use any form of tobacco;
  - c. Not be involved in the use, possession, distribution, gift, purchase, exchange or sale of drugs, as that term is defined in District policy JICH;
  - d. Be willing to submit to rules of conduct and appearance prescribed by the coach when representing the school;
  - e. Inform the head coach that he/she intends to drop or quit any sport;
  - f. Meet all eligibility rules of the Colorado High School Activities Association and of the District.
2. A student-athlete who violates any or all of the above rules is subject to suspension or expulsion from participation in athletic activities.

### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

No otherwise qualified student with a disability shall be excluded from participation in the District's athletic programs solely on the basis of disability, including based upon disability-related stereotypes or stereotypes or assumptions about a student in particular, or individuals with disabilities in general. Qualified students with disabilities shall be afforded the opportunity to participate to the same extent as qualified students without disabilities. The district shall provide qualified students with disabilities with such accommodations as are reasonable and necessary to allow them to participate in the district's athletic programs to the same extent as qualified students without disabilities, except that such accommodations shall not be required if doing so would be a fundamental alteration of the athletic program, including an alteration to the criteria for participating in the athletic program or sport in question.

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