

370 - INTERSCHOLASTIC CO-CURRICULAR ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities which are scheduled to occur outside of the normal academic day and setting, hereby are defined as being co-curricular in design and are considered to be a vital part of the total development of children and of the district educational program.

The district subscribes to the belief that athletic teams, organizations and associate activities that are properly operated provide additional child development experiences associated in successful human relations.

These co-curricular programs shall be designed to allow all students an equal opportunity to develop their interests, attitudes, and skills for future adult experiences. These programs' primary design is to complement academic programs and shall not at any time be perceived to exceed a child's academic development or responsibility. Involvement and competition within these co-curricular programs will be structured to provide healthful, enjoyable experiences complementary to positive mental, social, and physical development of children. Sportsmanship and positive behavior is a priority of all activities subscribed to under this policy.

Student members must comply with all rules and regulations established by the school district, W.I.A.A., and corresponding state and local guardian organizations.

All full time students are eligible to participate in student co-curricular organizations, associate organizations, and athletic teams providing they meet all academic and behavioral eligibility requirements. Individual organizations and co-curricular activities may establish entrance requirements only in the event of established criteria approved by the building administrator. These requirements must be based upon an established and essential criteria necessary to permit enjoyment, understanding and comprehension of an activity.

The number of varsity athletic participants may be limited due unmanageable numbers, team limits, available space, etc. In these cases, the coach may request the opportunity to reduce numbers only at the varsity level by cutting students from the squad. The coach, athletic director, and building principal will examine each situation on an individual basis and determine the number that will be cut from the team to contribute to the overall success of the program. Any student cuts will be justified, private, fair, and completed with total respect to the individual students.

The School District of Auburndale shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of a student's gender, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

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