

**Policy Statement #3450 (Student) of the Board of Education
Regarding the Calvert County Public Schools Athletics Program Handbook**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To ensure compliance with the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference's (SMAC) and the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association's (MPSSAA) rules, regulations, and guidelines for interscholastic athletic programs and Calvert County Public Schools rules and guidelines for athletic programs
- II. Definition
 - A. Interscholastic - Athletic activities recognized and governed by a state association (MPSSAA) and a set of specific national, state, and local rules and regulations, sponsored for the primary purpose of preparing and engaging in athletic competition against similar teams and scheduled during a regular season with definite starting and ending dates as set by the state association
 - B. Athletic program – An activity involving physical exertion, stamina and skill that is governed by a set of rules and is often undertaken competitively
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Board of Education recognizes that well-designed athletic programs are an essential part of the total school program and that compliance with and reliance on a specific set of rules, regulations, and guidelines are necessary to ensure the success and integrity of athletic programs. To that end, an athletics handbook containing rules, regulations, and guidelines for the operation of Calvert County Public Schools athletic programs will be maintained and regularly updated.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools or designee is directed to develop an athletics program handbook identifying and defining rules, regulations, and guidelines and to ensure its dissemination to the appropriate parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board by majority vote may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review
 - A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective December 12, 2024.

Citations

State Law:

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.06.03

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation:

Related Policies

3451 - Regarding the Addition or Deletion of an Athletic Program

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