

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #097
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INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**Policy**

It is the policy of the Barre Unified Union School District (BUUSD) to provide an interscholastic athletic program for boys and girls to complement and supplement their educational programs. All school sponsored athletic activities will be under the ultimate control of the BUUSD and will comply with all local and state policies, procedures, and eligibility standards established for each school in the BUUSD

Implementation

Athletic programs should meet the following criteria:

1. Programs should provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. Programs should provide athletic facilities and opportunities for participation on an equal basis for girls and boys.
3. Programs should employ qualified personnel in coaching and supervisory/supervising positions.
4. Programs should stress the educational as well as the recreational benefits derived from participation in interscholastic athletics.
5. Programs should conform fully with the rules, regulations, and eligibility standards of the Vermont Principals' Association (www.vpaonline.org).

The board will make determinations related to individual activities included in the athletic program of the district based on the following considerations:

1. The level of student interest in an activity;
2. The level of community interest in an activity;
3. The impact of adding or eliminating an activity on the balance of opportunities for girls and boys to participate in the total athletic program;
4. The potential of the activity to remain competitive with other participating schools; and
5. The availability of qualified personnel to coach and supervise the activity.

The Principal of each school may set procedures and standards for academic eligibility for participation in the activities of that school, which may be found on each school's website.