

ATHLETICS

Preamble

As required by regulations of the Commissioner of Education, this policy establishes eligibility standards for interscholastic athletics conducted by the Patchogue-Medford School District and provides general guidelines for intramural sports.

1. Purpose

The Board of Education recognizes that athletics are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. Therefore, the Board supports, within its resources, an athletic program with equitable access for all, with emphasis on maximum participation through interscholastic and intramural activity.

2. Organization

The athletic program is divided into two major parts: Intramural sports, which provide for competition among teams composed of students within a Patchogue-Medford school; and interscholastic sports, which provide for competition between teams of Patchogue-Medford Schools and teams of other districts. Intramural sports are offered at the elementary and secondary levels; interscholastic sports are offered at the secondary level (Grades 7-12).

3. Supervision

- A. The building principal will be responsible for the intramural and interscholastic program in the school. The athletic director will be responsible directly to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction for the supervision and administration of athletics on a district-wide basis. Physical education teachers are responsible for the development and maintenance of a quality athletic program in each school building.
- B. The director of athletics will develop and implement a plan with the building principals, which provides coordination of intramural sports activities on a district-wide basis.
- C. Supervision of intramural activities is generally the responsibility of the physical education teachers. However, qualified teachers from other departments may be so assigned. The principal, with the assistance of the director of athletics, will determine whether a teacher is qualified and inform the building principal of the director of athletic's decision.

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4. Student Participation

All students will be encouraged to participate in the intramural program. A major goal of the program will be the involvement of a maximum number of children.

Rules and procedures for this program may be established by the building principal. The director of athletics will determine the rules governing interscholastic competition.

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