

## Interscholastic Sports

The interscholastic athletic program of this district shall be considered as an extra-curricular part of the total school program. It is neither required nor part of the basic instructional program. Participating students will register and compete according to gender assigned at birth.

The purposes of athletic programs in the secondary schools 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 or 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.

### **Athletic associations and leagues**

Membership of a district school in an interscholastic athletic association or league shall be subject to the approval of the Board. The Board shall review the constitution and by-laws of such organization and its regulations for member teams before granting approval.

Customarily the principals of member schools or their designees are voting members of athletic organizations. It should be understood that such administrators serve as representatives of the district. Therefore, before voting on a change of by-laws or regulations that will in any way affect the schools or athletic teams of this district, this district's representatives to athletic organizations shall advise the Board of the proposed change and seek and follow its directions for voting.

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