




**GWINNETT  
COUNTY  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**Gwinnett County Board of Education**

Level: Policy I-Instructional Programs	Accompanying Procedure: P.IDE 	Descriptor Code: <b>IDE</b>	Rescinds March 17, 2022
Descriptor Term: <b>Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12</b>		Effective Date: <b>November 20, 2025</b>	Last Reviewed Date: <b>November 20, 2025</b>

Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activity

The Board recognizes the value to students of participation in interscholastic and extracurricular activity. It is the responsibility of the principal to ensure that the following guidelines are followed:

- Written approval of parents or guardians must be received by the principal before a student is allowed to participate in interscholastic activities.
- The principal shall be responsible for all financial transactions of the interscholastic activities of his/her school. They shall be handled in accordance with policies of the Board for internal school accounts.

**I. Grades 9-12**

The Board endorses and adopts the requirements set forth in the guidelines of the Georgia High School Association (GHSA), including any amendments thereto, for determining the eligibility of students in grades 9-12 to participate in competitive interscholastic activities. The Board directs the Superintendent to maintain and distribute the current GHSA guidelines to all schools in the system that sponsor competitive interscholastic activities, and to ensure compliance with those guidelines.

Each principal is responsible for properly supervising and regulating competitive activities in his or her school. The principal may delegate responsibility for supervising one or more student activities and clubs to a member of his or her professional staff, provided such individuals act under the principal's direction.

To be eligible for participation, an individual must be enrolled full time in the school that sponsors the competitive activity; or if the individual is enrolled at Gwinnett Online Campus, the International Transition Center, the Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, McClure Health Science HS, or Paul Duke STEM HS, the individual shall be allowed to participate in GHSA extracurricular activities as a member of the school team for the school which they would ordinarily attend within the policies of the Board.

**II. Grades 6-8**

The Board is responsible for regulating competitive interscholastic activities in grades

6-8, and therefore adopts the requirements set forth in State Board Rule 160-5-1-.18 as to student eligibility, physical examinations, time restrictions, seasonal practice, special provisions and appeals.

The Superintendent is directed to ensure that each school principal properly supervises and regulates competitive activities in his or her school and that all staff members adhere to the requirements set forth in this policy.

To be eligible for participation, an individual must be enrolled full time in the school that sponsors the competitive activity; or (effective January 1, 2026), if the individual is enrolled at Gwinnett Online Campus or the International Transition Center, the individual shall be allowed to participate in competitive interscholastic and/or extracurricular activities as a member of the school team for the school which they would ordinarily attend within the policies of the Board.

Each principal of a school covered by the policy shall maintain documentation of adherence to the requirement of this policy.