

2431 ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Board of Education recognizes the value of athletic competition as an integral part of the school experience. Sports and other athletic activities provide opportunities to learn the values of competition and good sportsmanship.

For the purpose of this Policy, programs of athletic competition include all activities relating to competitive sports contests, games, events, or sports exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur within or between schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The programs of athletic competition shall include, but are not limited to, high school interscholastic athletic programs, middle school interscholastic athletic programs where school teams or squads play teams or squads from other school districts, intramural athletic programs within a school or among schools in the district, and any cheerleading program or activity in the school district.

Eligibility Standards

A student who wishes to participate in a program of athletic competition must submit, on a form provided by the district, the signed consent of his/her parent. The consent of the parent of a student who wishes to participate in a program of athletic competition will include an acknowledgment of the physical hazards that may be encountered in the activity in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-9.1(d) and (e).

Home schooled children in grades six through eight are not eligible to participate in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition of this district.

Student participation in a program of athletic competition shall be governed by the following eligibility standards.

Standards of Eligibility

There are three standards of eligibility for all school events: academic eligibility, behavioral eligibility and attendance. The Superintendent may modify or alter as needed for unusual circumstances.

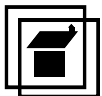


A. Academic Eligibility

1. Students who maintain a C or seventy percent average or above in all of their classes each marking period are considered to be in good academic standing and eligible to participate in athletic competitions.
2. Students who are on academic probation are eligible to participate in athletic competitions from the time the report card is issued to the issuance of the report card in the following marking period.
 - a. Academic probation applies to students who:
 - (1) Have received one or more grades of D or below seventy percent and who in the past have always proved to be a student in good academic standing; and
 - (2) Have had extenuating circumstances in their lives, i.e., death in the family, crisis in home or school life, learning difficulties that have contributed to grades of D or below.
 - b. For students on academic probation:
 - (1) A letter will be sent by the Principal to inform the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of their student's academic status; and
 - (2) A monitoring program to ensure academic improvement will include one or more of the following.
 - (a) Parent(s) or legal guardian(s)/teacher-administration conference;
 - (b) Parent(s) or legal guardian(s)/teacher written or verbal contacts;
 - (c) Meeting with the school counselor;
 - (d) Attending extra-help sessions;
 - (d) A bi-weekly status up-date by all teachers;



- (e) Mid-marking progress reports; and
 - (f) Student contract.
 - (3) If a student receives all grades of C or better the next marking period, that student is now returned to good academic standing and can again participate in athletic competitions.
 - (4) If the student again receives any grade of D or lower during the next marking period, he/she is placed on academic suspension. Grades from the fourth quarter of the previous academic school year will affect eligibility status for the first quarter of the new school year.
- 3. Students who are on academic suspension are not eligible to participate in or join any athletic competitions until the student receives all grades of C or better for a two week period. If a student's grades drops below a C, at any point in time, they will be place back on academic suspension until the end of the marking period.
 - a. Academic suspension applies to students who continue to receive one or more grades of D or below seventy percent and have been on academic probation for more than one marking period.
 - b. Placement is not to be held on any sports, club, or activity for any students who are on academic suspension.
 - c. Students on academic suspension may not attend any practice or activity or be in the school building for a reason other than receiving additional academic assistance.
 - d. Students on academic suspension:
 - (1) Participate in a monitoring program similar to that above for students on academic probation;
 - e. Students on academic suspension may be referred to the Intervention and Resource Committee.



B. Behavioral Eligibility

1. Students are eligible to participate in athletic competitions if they hold fifteen or less points on the school's discipline system.
2. Students are not eligible to participate as stated if they accrue points as follows:
 - a. If student's current status is over 15 Points – Students will lose the following privileges:
 - (1) Participation in all extracurricular activities (sports teams, chorus, band, Student Council, DI, etc.)
 - (2) Graduation
 - (3) 8th grade dance
 - (4) 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip
 - (5) 7th grade Fairview Lakes trip
 - (6) Field trips with alternate program put in place at school
 - b. A student is subject to a discipline committee review to determine eligibility for future school events, if the student accumulates 20 or more points during the course of the year. The points are calculated by the total number of points a child receives throughout the course of a single academic year, regardless of any point reductions.
3. Students may initiate point-reduction plans through school community service provided said plans are worked out in advance and approved by school administration. An hour of volunteer community service will equal three (3) points. Sample services may include but are not limited to assisting a teacher before or after school with an activity or volunteering time at a school function.

C. Attendance

1. A student in grades Kindergarten through eighth may be ineligible for participating if he/she has demonstrated unusual attendance by missing ten (10) or more days of school.



2. No student who has been absent for a school day may participate in an activity, event, trip, or performance scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.
3. A student who has been suspended from participation in athletic competitions for reason of poor attendance will be offered an opportunity to work out a plan for improved attendance with the Principal. If the student adheres to the plan and demonstrates his/her improved attendance within a period of not less than two weeks, the student may be reinstated to participation in athletic competitions.

Notice of the school district's eligibility requirements shall be available to students.

Required Examinations – Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad

Students enrolled in grades six to twelve must receive a medical examination, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.7, prior to participation on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural team or squad and any cheerleading program or activity.

The examination shall be conducted within 365 days prior to the first day of official practice in an athletic season with examinations being conducted at the medical home of the student. The "medical home" is defined as a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the student's parent for the provision of health care pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3. If a student does not have a medical home, the school district shall provide the examination at the school physician's office or other comparably equipped facility. The parent may choose either the school physician or their own private physician to provide this medical examination. The medical examination required prior to participation shall be in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)1 and Regulation 2431.2 and shall be documented using the Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form required by the Department of Education.

The school district shall distribute the Commissioner of Education developed sudden cardiac arrest pamphlet to a student participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.e., and the student's parent(s) shall each year and prior to participation by the student in an athletic activity comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.d.

The school district shall annually distribute the Commissioner of Education developed educational fact sheet relative to use and misuse of opioid drugs for sports related injuries to parents of students who participate in athletic activities and comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.10.



Information concerning a student's HIV/AIDS status shall not be required as part of the medical examination or health history pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:5C-1 et seq. The health findings of this medical examination shall be maintained as part of the student's health record.

Emergency Procedures

Athletic coaches shall be trained in first aid to include sports-related concussion and head injuries, the use of a defibrillator, the identification of student-athletes who are injured or disabled in the course of any athletic program or activity, and any other first aid procedures or other health related trainings required by law or the Superintendent.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement an emergency action plan for responding to a serious or potentially life-threatening sports-related injury in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.11. The plan shall document the proper procedures to be followed when a student sustains a serious injury while participating in sports or other athletic activity in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.11.

The emergency action plan shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. The plan shall be rehearsed annually in each school by the individuals who will be responsible for executing the plan in an emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.11.]

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare procedures for responding to a non-serious or non-life-threatening injury sustained by a student while participating in sports or other athletic activity. These procedures shall be reviewed annually, updated as necessary, and disseminated to appropriate staff members.

Interscholastic Standards

The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall require that all facilities utilized in that program, whether or not the property of this Board, properly safeguard both players and spectators and are kept free from hazardous conditions.

The Board adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association as Board policy and shall review such rules on a regular basis to ascertain they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board.



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N.J.S.A. 2C:21-11

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 et seq.; 18A:40-41; 18A:40-41.10; 18A:40-41.11

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(d); 6A:16-1.3; 6A:16-2.1 et seq.; 6A:32-9.1

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