

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS

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123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for community involvement.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this district or outside this district.
3. Authority 22 PA Code 4.27 24 P.S. 1601-C et seq 34 CFR 106.41 Pol. 103, 103.1	It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with law and regulations.
24 P.S. 511	The Board shall annually approve a program of interscholastic athletics and 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.
24 P.S. 511	The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in an interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by student accident insurance; be free of injury; and undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician. The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Lancaster-Lebanon Athletic Association, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this district.
24 P.S. 511	The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:

<p>Pol. 218</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.2. Complied with the requirements of the Athletic Handbook.3. Complied with the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics and Board policies and administrative regulations related to student discipline.4. Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice for the hours required.5. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used. <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. 1425, 5323 Pol. 123.1, 123.2</p>	<p>Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet. 2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics, which shall include a complete schedule of events.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall disseminate rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A., the Lancaster-Lebanon Athletic Association, and the school district.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment.</p>
<p>22 PA Code 12.1, 12.4</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall ensure that interscholastic athletics are open to all eligible students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines 24 P.S. 1603-C 24 P.S. 1603-C 24 P.S. 1603-C</p>	<p><u>Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report</u></p> <p>By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.</p> <p>By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the district's website.</p> <p>The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, on any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.</p>

<p>Pol. 222, 227</p> <p>Pol. 218, 222, 227</p>	<p><u>Use Of Alcohol, Drugs And Tobacco</u></p> <p>Interscholastic athletics are a tremendous educational force that can bring about desirable changes in the attitudes, habits, and skills of the participants. They can prove to be an effective means for the development of the physical, mental, social, and moral values.</p> <p>Interscholastic athletics demand a great deal of personal sacrifice and hard work in order for participants to perform at or near maximum capabilities. To meet the demanding physical and mental rigors of any sport, it is necessary to live as healthfully as possible. This requires adherence to certain training rules, which have proven beneficial over the years, particularly to the young, developing athlete.</p> <p>Students shall comply with and be governed by Board policies and administrative regulations prohibiting the use, sale, possession, distribution and/or being under the influence of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or other controlled substances, as defined in Board policy.</p> <p>Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension from participation in the activity, in accordance with Board policies, administrative regulations, and district rules and guidelines.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. 511, 1601-C et seq.</p> <p>Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.</p> <p>Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>Discrimination in Athletics, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Sec. 106.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 123.1, 123.2, 204, 218, 222, 227</p> <p>24 P.S. 1425, 5323, 1603-C</p>
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