

10400 STUDENT ACTIVITIES**10450 Interscholastic Athletics**

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the District and to the community.

An interscholastic activity will be regarded as District sponsored only upon the approval of the Board.

It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic programs to male and female students on an equal basis as is practical and in accordance with ~~State regulations.~~ applicable laws and regulations.

The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility of all students participating in the interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student be covered by student accident-medical insurance or its equivalent, be in good physical condition, be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness as determined by a physician, before participation in any interscholastic athletic events.

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The Superintendent is designated by the Board to have authority over the entire athletic program.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop procedures on an as needed basis to address needs.

In preparing these procedures, the Superintendent is directed to issue procedures which are consistent with the mission of the District as enunciated in the Policy Manual or other directives of the Board. ~~The procedures implemented by the Superintendent shall remain in effect until supplanted by the Board.~~ The Superintendent or his/her designee is directed to update annually the Athletic Handbook. The Handbook shall contain procedures to support this athletic policy including but not limited to rules, responsibilities and duties of all coaches and volunteers and other staff involved in the athletic program.

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Furthermore, the Building Administrator shall be in charge of the athletic program in his/her school.

Specific Rules:

1. Principals and their designees, coaches and students shall conform to the requirements of the P.I.A.A. Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the P.I.A.A. and District Policies and Procedures.
2. The Board prefers that the District support student activities, but it may be necessary for students to raise funds to support these activities. Fundraising must be approved and supervised by the principal; funds raised will be used solely to reimburse the District for costs advanced by the District for that activity. If a student helps in raising funds to support their activity, this does not guarantee a position or preferential treatment as a member of that team. If a student does not participate in raising funds to support the activity, he/she will not be denied a position on the team or receive non-preferential treatment as a member of the team.
3. The Building Administrator or his/her designee will be in attendance at all athletic home contests.
4. There shall be no athletic practices on major holidays. Athletic practices may be conducted during other school vacation periods. Only practices may be held on Thanksgiving and New Year's Day by special permission of the principal.
5. The Building Administrator shall adhere to Policy 10465 with regard to the proposed elimination of any athletic team.

Note: Safety and Well-Being of Student Athletes

When contest scheduling decisions made outside of the control of Warren County School District generate a Sunday contest, varsity teams may compete with the prior permission of the Superintendent or his or her designee. Additionally, when a Monday contest is scheduled, varsity teams may practice, with the prior, permission of the Superintendent or his or her designee, on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (the practice must occur during these hours and cannot exceed 2 hours in duration). No other Sunday contests or practices are to be considered for approval.

~~When contest scheduling decisions made outside of the control of Warren County School District generate:~~

- ~~1. a Sunday contest, varsity teams may compete;~~
- ~~2. a Monday contest, varsity teams may practice on Sunday;~~
- ~~3. Maximum of two (2) hours of practice~~
- ~~4. Practice will be (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)~~

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Practice -

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Legal Reference -

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