

Athletic Competition

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The athletic program shall be designed to meet student's interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 5030 – Student Wellness)

(cf. 5137 – Positive School Climate)

(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisement and donations.

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided by males and females.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment)

Any complaints regarding the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.2 – Uniform Complaint Procedures)

California Interscholastic Federation

The Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic athletic activities be conducted in accordance with Board policy, administrative regulations, and CIF bylaws and rules. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall annually designate an employee from each high school to serve as a representative to the local CIF league. Appointees shall represent the district in performing all duties required by the CIF league. In making this selection, the Board shall consider the employee's understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic and extracurricular activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and individual interpersonal communications and leadership skills.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district representatives to CIF report when requested to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues, as well as activities and prospective actions related to athletic programs.

(cf. 0500 – Accountability)

Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement and residency, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

(cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

(cf. 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6162. 52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program.

Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship and the Code of Conduct adopted by CIF.

Students and staff may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

(cf. 5131.63 Steroids)

(cf. 5141.3 Health Examinations)

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5142 – Safety)

In the event that an injury occurs, the coach or other appropriate district employee shall observe universal precautions and shall remove the student athlete from the activity and /or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

270-271 Athletes' Bill of Rights

17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

17580-17581 Football equipment

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35179 Interscholastic athletics

48859 Interscholastic athletics; students in foster care

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion
48930-48958 Student organizations
49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity
49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances
49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic programs
49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries
49700-49701 Education of children of military families
51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic programs
PENAL CODE
245.6 Hazing
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
4920-3922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic and club activities
5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students
5590-5596 Employment of noncertified coaches

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