

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 6145.2

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS (HIGH SCHOOLS)

The Board considers that athletics are a part of education when they are made to contribute to educational objectives through adequate guidance and control. Athletic participation may enhance a student's health, physical skill, mental agility, emotional and social maturity, and moral values. Cooperation and competition are both important components of contemporary life and both may be vigorously experienced in playing athletic games. Thus, the Board's policy governing interscholastic athletics is oriented primarily toward the development of students rather than toward spectator entertainment.

1. The interscholastic athletic program shall be made available to students in grades nine through twelve in sports selected as being appropriate to each grade level and for which facilities are available and a competitive schedule can be arranged with other schools.
2. The high schools shall be enrolled as members of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to participate in the approved interscholastic program sponsored by the NJSIAA and shall be governed by the relevant New Jersey Statutes, by rules of the State Board of Education, and the Constitution and By-laws of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.
3. Academic eligibility for participating in the interscholastic athletic program is governed by the by-laws of the NJSIAA and are adopted by the Board. Additionally, any student who transfers from one district high school to another and subsequently decides to transfer back to his/her original school will be ineligible to participate in the same athletic program for a period of one year from the date of transfer back to the original school. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis.
4. The Board establishes that any student in grades nine through twelve who wishes to try out for a sport appropriate to his/her grade level shall be provided the opportunity. The Athletic Department shall do whatever is feasible to help the student to succeed in the sport. The Assistant Superintendent responsible for high school education shall, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, establish maximum team sizes for each sport and set dates in terms of days following the beginning of each sport by which teams may be reduced to maximum size.

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5. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop a procedure providing for the implementation of this policy which shall include guidelines and procedures to govern sportsmanship expectations for participants and spectators.

Related Policies and Procedures:

Policy 6142.4: Co-Curricular Activities

Procedure A-16: Behavior of Athletes, Spectators and Coaches

Procedure A-14: Athletic and Co-Curricular Eligibility

Procedure A-15: Disbursements/Financial Reporting for the Interscholastic
Athletic Program

Procedure A-19: Inter-scholastic Athletic Program – High Schools

<i>Legal References</i>	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3</i>	<i>Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals</i>
	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2.1 et al.</i>	<i>Supervisory certificate required for appointment as director of athletics</i>
	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20</i>	<i>Discrimination; prohibition</i>
	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1 et seq.</i>	<i>Substance abuse</i>
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-9, -10, -11</i>	
	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:42-2</i>	<i>School orchestra not to compete with civilian musicians; exceptions</i>
	<i>N.J.S.A. 18A:43-1</i>	<i>Accident insurance for pupils authorized</i>
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6:3-8.1 et seq.</i>	<i>Athletics Procedures</i>
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6:3-8.1(c), -8.1(d), -8.1(f)</i>	
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.3(a)</i>	<i>Policy development</i>
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.5(f)</i>	<i>School and classroom practices</i>
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.1</i>	<i>Review of mandated programs and services</i>
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6:11-3.24</i>	<i>Athletics personnel</i>
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)6</i>	<i>District policies and procedures</i>
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1 et seq.</i>	<i>General Provisions for School Health Services</i>
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2</i>	
	<i>N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.</i>	<i>Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts</i>
	<i>20 U.S.C.A. 1681 et seq. - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972</i>	
	<i>29 U.S.C.A. 794 et seq. - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973</i>	
	<i>Krupp v. Bd. of Ed. of Union County Reg. H.S. Dist. #1, 278 N.J. Super. 31 (App. Div. 1994) cert. den. 140 N.J. 277 (1994)</i>	
	<i>NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations</i>	
	<i>Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (August 2000)</i>	
	<i>Multi-year Equity Plan for the Academic Years 2000-2001 through 2002 2003, New Jersey State Department of Education Division of Student Services Office of Bilingual Education and Equity Issues</i>	

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