

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events, or sports exhibitions involving individual students or teams when such events occur between separate schools within this district or any schools outside this district.

- A. All interscholastic activities and events shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The district shall not participate in any out-of-season athletics that are not sanctioned by the WIAA. The district shall not be responsible for or control and incur liability for summer and/or out-of-season activities unless specifically sponsored by the school district. The superintendent shall establish rules defining the circumstances under which school facilities may be used and under which announcements of summer sports leagues and/or clinics may be channeled to students.
- B. An athletic coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description.
- C. A syllabus which outlines the skills, techniques and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach.
- D. Inservice training opportunities will be afforded each coach so that he/she is trained to attend to the appropriate health care needs of participants.
- E. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained and fitted.
- F. All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic athletic program, whether or not the property of the district, shall be inspected on a regular basis by the principal or his/her designee.
- G. Nonprescribed medications, including such items as analgesic balms, vitamins and salt tablets, must be approved by the principal before they may be available for use by coaches and/or athletic trainers. After athletic training medications have been approved, the coach and/or trainer must secure authorization from the parent and the student's doctor before the medications may be used during the athletic season. If such release is not on file, the nonprescribed medications may not be used. This provision does not preclude the coach and/or trainer from using approved first aid items.

A sign will be posted that warns students that eligibility to participate may be denied if anabolic steroids are used solely for the purpose of enhancing athletic ability.

- H. The board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic sports. While the district will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each parent or guardian will be required to sign an "assumption of risk" statement which indicates that the parents assume all risks

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for injuries resulting from such participation and give assurance that the student will follow the instructions of the coach.

- I. Each participant shall be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A written report shall be completed when a student is injured while participating in a school-supervised activity. A participant shall be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness before participating in any event.

- J. Each student participating in the interscholastic athletic activities is required to have or obtain medical insurance for expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained while participating in the extracurricular activity. Students shall provide evidence of coverage through the insurance plan offered to all students participating in activities in the district. No student will be denied the ability to participate solely because the student's family, for financial reasons, is unable to pay the entire amount of the premium for such insurance. The superintendent or his/her designee may approve partial or full waiver of premiums to permit all students to obtain the required medical insurance.

The superintendent shall annually prepare, approve and present to the board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics for the school year. The superintendent shall ensure rules for the conduct of student athletes are prepared including , but not limited to, use of alcoholic beverages; use of tobacco; use of possession of drugs, narcotics or hallucinatory agents not prescribed by a physician; physical appearance; curfew; unsportsmanlike conduct; absence from practice; gambling; or any infraction of civil law. Rules and corrective actions related to rule violations shall be distributed to each participant and his/her parents prior to the beginning of an athletic season.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.400.350	Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized-- Premiums
RCW 28A.600.200	Interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities for students, regulation of-- Delegation, conditions
RCW 69.41.330	Public Warnings--School districts
RCW 69.41.340	Student athletics

Cross References:

cf. 2167	Drug and Alcohol Use/ Abuse Program
cf. 3416	Medication at School
cf. 3431	Emergency Treatment
cf. 4330	Use of School Facilities
cf. 9310	Safety Program
WIAA Handbook	

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