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The Board considers all competitive extracurricular activities--academic, artistic, and athletic--an integral part of the total educational program. Competitive activities will be under the same administration and control as the rest of the school program and closely articulated with it.

Competitive activities can provide pupils with valuable experiences and opportunities. In this district, the emphasis in any competition-intramural or interscholastic--will be on providing such experiences and opportunities rather than on producing winning teams or providing entertainment. Practice for or performance in any competitive event will not interfere with the regular educational program.

The Board will approve all proposed interscholastic competition, either as a schedule or as a discrete event, whichever is appropriate. The Board must approve membership in any leagues, associations, and conferences, and any agreements with other schools for series of games or events. Contests of any kind between and among the schools of the district will be approved by the Superintendent.

The Board will appoint coaches, advisors, physicians and other necessary supervisory personnel upon recommendation of the Superintendent. The Superintendent will also ensure that all physical facilities involved in any competition in which district schools take part will be adequate, safe, and sanitary.

The district's affirmative action/equity policies will apply to determining eligibility for competition, to approval of each competitive activity in which pupils officially represent the district; and to district expenditure to provide facilities and coaches.

Both male and female students must be provided equal opportunity in athletics.

The equity will be evident by:

1. Equal numbers of varsity and sub-varsity teams on which both sexes may participate.



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2. Equitable scheduling of night games, practice times, and numbers of games.

3. Equitable cheerleading support.

Parental Consent

No pupil may participate in a school-sponsored physical activity out-side the regular physical education curriculum without a signed form from a parent/guardian naming the activity and acknowledging that the activity may be hazardous.

Health Requirements

Good physical condition, freedom from injury, and full recovery from illness are prerequisites to participation in athletic competition and practice for such competition. HIV status shall not be screened as a part of athletic physicals or reported in school health records.

An examination of each candidate for a school athletic squad or team shall be conducted within 365 days prior to the first practice session with examinations being conducted at the medical home of the pupil. The "medical home" is defined as a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the provision of health care. Since the school physician is a "health care provider", the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may chose either the school physician or their own private physician to provide the medial examination.

The medical examination shall be conducted in accordance with N. J.S.A 6A:16-2.2(h)1 and 2 and Regulation 2431.2. The medical report shall include a determination concerning the pupil's participation on an athletic team or squad from the examining physician, nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist, or physician's assistant. The medical report shall be provided to the school physician if the school physician did not provide the medical examination.

If the pupil's medical examination was completed more than sixty days prior to the first practice session, the pupil must provide a health history update of medical problems experienced since the last medical examination in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)4. This health history must be completed and signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).



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The school physician will provide a signed written notification to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) stating approval of the pupil's participation in the athletics based on the medical report or the written reasons for the school physician's disapproval of the pupil's participation.

The health findings of this medical examination shall be maintained as part of the pupil's health record.

The medical examination conducted to determine the fitness of a candidate for athletic competition and the health history update must include, as a minimum, the respective medical history information and physical assessments set forth in rules of the State Board of Education and incorporated in their entirety in regulations implementing this policy.

Emergency Procedures

Athletic coaches shall be trained in first aid and in the identification of pupil athletes who are injured or disabled in the course of any athletic activity.

The Chief School Administrator shall prepare and present to the Board for its approval procedures for the emergency treatment of injuries and disabilities that occur in the course of any athletic activity. Emergency procedures shall be reviewed by the Board not less than once in each school year and shall be disseminated to appropriate staff members.

Interscholastic Standards

The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall 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.

The Board adopts as Board policy the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association and shall review such rules annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board.

The Chief School Administrator shall annually prepare, approve, and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics that includes a complete schedule of athletic events and practices and shall inform the Board of



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changes in that schedule as they occur.

The Chief School Administrator shall prepare rules for the conduct of pupils participating in interscholastic athletics that will conform to rules of the State Board of Education, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the Conference League.

N.J.S.A. 2C:21-11; 18A:11-3 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.5; 6A:16-1.4; 6A:16-2 et seq.

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