

**INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION**

The Governing Board recognizes the interscholastic athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program. Within the District's financial and personnel constraints, the interscholastic program shall be geared to students' interests and abilities and varied in scope to ensure wide participation. In accordance with law, the District shall provide equivalent opportunities to both sexes and shall maintain control over all aspects of the program.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

Participation in the District interscholastic program is limited to those students who meet the District's eligibility requirements.

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

**Health and Safety**

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting interscholastic activities. Universal precautions shall be observed when injuries occur, and when handling bloody dressings, mouthguards and any other articles containing body fluids.

*(cf. 4119.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*  
*(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)*

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified licensed personnel.

*(cf. 4127 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)*

Special care shall be taken to ensure that all interscholastic training and competition is conducted in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. Students shall have a medical examination before participating in the interscholastic program. Protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

The Governing Board directs the Superintendent or designee to arrange for both a licensed physician and a certified trainer to be present at all scheduled varsity football games. For all other football contests, it is required that a certified trainer be present.

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*  
*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

**INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION** (continued)**Open Participation**

The Board recognizes that participation in athletic competition promotes a positive school climate. The Board encourages all students to try out for athletic teams. Coaches shall accept as many students as possible on their teams. Expanded team membership may include students who work out with the team but do not participate in competitions. Under CIF regulations, the Governing Board shall designate its representative to CIF on a yearly basis. League representatives vote on issues at the league and section level that impact athletic programs at the schools.

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

**California Interscholastic Federation**

The Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic athletic activities be conducted according to CIF rules, regulations, and policies, except as the Board may direct otherwise.

CIF representatives shall report regularly to the Board to ensure that the goals and aims of the District are accurately represented.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

*200-261 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex*

*17580-17581 Football equipment*

*33353 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies*

*33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; insurance program*

*33354 Authority over interscholastic athletics*

*35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations*

*35179 Interscholastic athletics*

*48930-48938 Student organizations*

*49020 Athletic programs: Legislative intent*

*49021-49023 Equal opportunity, apportionments, prohibited sex discrimination*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

*4900-4962 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance*

*5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils*

*5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches*

*Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 889*

Policy

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