

Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
Title	Interscholastic Athletics
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1. 22 PA Code 4.27
2. 24 P.S. 1601-C et seq
3. 34 CFR 106.41
4. Pol. 103
5. Pol. 103.1
6. 24 P.S. 511
7. PIAA Bylaws, Article V
8. Pol. 123.1
9. Pol. 123.2
10. Pol. 218
11. Pol. 204
12. 24 P.S. 5323
13. 24 P.S. 1425
14. 22 PA Code 12.1
15. 22 PA Code 12.4
16. 24 P.S. 1603-C
17. PIAA Bylaws, Article II
- 24 P.S. 5321 et seq

Purpose

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for community involvement.

{ X} The interscholastic athletic program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and inspires community interest.

{ X} Interscholastic athletic activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to teach the values of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, the program of **interscholastic athletics includes** all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this district or outside this district.

Authority

It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with **applicable laws**, regulations **and Board policies**.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

{x } The Board shall approve a program of interscholastic athletics and 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.[\[6\]](#)

The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in **the** interscholastic **athletic** program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic **athletic** activity, **be offered** student accident insurance and undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician **to ensure that there are no obvious illnesses and/or injuries that would place the student or others at enhanced risk of injury**.[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

Activity fees may apply. No student may be denied participation because of economic circumstances.

The **Board adopts the** eligibility standards set by the Constitution **and Bylaws** of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (**P.I.A.A.**).

The Board directs that a student may participate in extracurricular activities who has:

1. {X } Met the requirements for academic eligibility.
2. **{X } Complied with the requirements of applicable handbooks, Board policies and administrative regulations.**[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)
3. {X} Attended school regularly.[\[11\]](#)
4. {X} Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice for the hours required.
5. {X} Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.
6. {X} Adhered to **other** applicable **conduct** standards.

Off-Campus Activities

Student conduct that occurs off school property **or during nonschool hours shall comply with the provisions of the student discipline policy addressing on and off-campus activities in accordance with Policy 218 Student Discipline.**^[10]

This policy and the Code of Student Conduct apply to the behavior of students at all times during the time they are under the supervision of the school or at any time while on school property, while present at school-sponsored activities and while traveling to or from school and school-sponsored activities or at other times whether or not via school-provided means of transportation. ^[3]

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:^[8]

1. The conduct involves, threatens or makes more likely violence, use of force or other serious harm directed at students, staff or the school environment;
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school or event property.
6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

Delegation of Responsibility

Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign and return the **acknowledgment** of receipt and review of the following:^[8]^[9]^[12]^[13]

1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.

2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet, **which includes information about electrocardiogram testing.**

Prior Board approval shall be required for changes that materially alter the approved athletic program, add or eliminate a sport, create significant unbudgeted costs, change league or association affiliation, or otherwise require Board action.

The Superintendent or designee shall disseminate rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A., and the district.

The Superintendent shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment, **in accordance with Title IX regulations.**[\[3\]](#)

{x} The Superintendent shall ensure that interscholastic athletics are open to all eligible students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)

Guidelines

Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report

By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.[\[16\]](#)

By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the district's website.[\[16\]](#)

The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, on any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.[\[16\]](#)

{ x } Name, Image and Likeness

Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for following the rules set by the P.I.A.A. for the student to maintain their amateur status in order to be continuously eligible to participate in the district's interscholastic athletics program.[\[17\]](#)

Students may use their own name, image and likeness for such permissible activities that include commercial endorsements, promotional activities, social

media presence, product or service advertisements and unique digital items/assets.[\[17\]](#)

District employees and any individual affiliated with a P.I.A.A. member school, including booster clubs, coaches, collectives, administrators and alumni, are prohibited from soliciting, arranging, negotiating or paying for a student's use of their name, image and likeness and/or the provision of consideration to a student for the use of their name, image and likeness. This provision does not apply if the use of the name, image and likeness is for their own child.[\[17\]](#)

Students must notify the building principal or Athletic Director in writing upon entering into any type of name, image and likeness contracts or agreements within seventy-two (72) hours of entering into such contract or agreement. Such notification does not serve as approval by the district of any name, image and likeness contract or agreement.[\[17\]](#)