

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

The board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic activities as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the district and to the community. The program of interscholastic activities will include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district when such events occur between separate schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The board expects that:

- A. All interscholastic activities and events will be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The schools of the district will not participate in any out-of-season interscholastic activities that are not sanctioned by the WIAA. The district will not be responsible or liable for nonschool-sponsored programs or for programs that are organized, promoted or participated in by staff members without school approval. The district will 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 or designee will 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. All coaches must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description.
- C. Coaching stipends, above and beyond the contractual stipend, and all gifts to a coach exceeding a total of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in a season must be approved by the board of directors.
- D. In-service training opportunities will be afforded each coach so that he/she is trained to attend to the health care needs of participants. Prior to a sports season, the coach will prepare a plan for handling medical emergencies at practice sessions and games (home and away).
- E. All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the district, will be examined on a regular basis in order to maintain a safe and organized environment.

- F. Students under the age of 18 years old are not allowed to be given any prescription medication or Over the Counter (OTC) drugs by the athletic trainer or coaches. All prescription medications and OTC medications must be approved and authorized by the student's doctor or parent by filing a medical release form with the office before the medications may be used during the activity season. This provision does not preclude the coach and/or trainer from using approved first aid items.
- G. The board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic activities. While the district will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each participant and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to sign a statement which indicates that the parent/guardian and the student acknowledge the risks of injuries resulting from such participation and give assurance that the student will follow the instructions of the coach.
- H. Each participant will be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A written report will be completed when a student is injured while participating in a school-supervised activity. A participant will be free of injury and will have fully recovered from illness before participating in any activity.
- I. Each student participating in interscholastic 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 will provide evidence of coverage or will obtain such coverage through the insurance plan offered to all students participating in activities in the district.

- J. A survey instrument will be administered every three years at all grade levels where interscholastic, intramural and other sports and recreational activities are conducted. The results of the survey will be considered in the program planning and development in the area of recreational and athletic activities offered within the school district. The survey instrument will assist the district in the determination of student interest for male/female participation in specific sports. At a minimum the survey instrument will reflect the following information disaggregated by sex:
- The number of students surveyed;
  - The number of students enrolled (eligible to take the survey);
  - Top sports requested; and
  - Top reasons for non-participation.

The school board will approve the Activity Code of Conduct which outlines rules for the conduct of student activities including, but not limited to, use of alcoholic beverages; use of tobacco; use or possession of illegal chemical substances (including marijuana/cannabis) or opiates not prescribed by a physician; physical appearance; curfew; unsportsmanlike conduct; absence from practice; gambling; or any infraction of civil law. Rules and disciplinary actions related to rule violations will be distributed to each participant and his/her parents/guardians prior to the beginning of an interscholastic activity season.

All students and parents/guardians are required to sign the Activity Code of Conduct while students are participating in any interscholastic activities.

Cross References:	Board Policy	2070	Substance Abuse Program
	Board Policy	3086	Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries
		4040	Use of School Facilities
		6510	Safety
		6512	Infection Control Program
	Procedures	P3005-6	Student Immunization
		P3080-1	Infectious Diseases
		P3080-2	Medication at School
		P3080-4	Emergency Treatment
		WIAA Handbook	
Legal References:	RCW	28A.400.350	Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized—when required -- Premiums
		28A.600.200	Interscholar athletic and other extracurricular activities for students, Authority to regulate – Delegation of authority - Conditions
		69.41.330	Public Warnings--School Districts
		69.41.34	Student athletics--Violations--Penalty
		WAC 392-190-040	Recreational and athletic activities
			Student interest – Required survey instrument

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