

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS

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EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. 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.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include 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.
3. Authority SC 1601-C et seq Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR Sec. 106.41 Pol. 103, 103.1	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 law and regulations.
SC 511	The Board shall annually 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.
SC 511	The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in an interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by student accident insurance; be free of injury; and undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician. The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Lancaster-Lebanon Athletic Association, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this district.

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p>	<p>2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics, which shall include a complete schedule of events.</p> <p>S/He shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur.</p> <p>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., the Lancaster-Lebanon Athletic Association, and the school district.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Use Of Alcohol, Drugs And Tobacco</u></p> <p>Interscholastic athletics are a tremendous educational force that can bring about desirable changes in the attitudes, habits, and skills of the participants. They can prove to be an effective means for the development of the physical, mental, social, and moral values.</p> <p>Interscholastic athletics demand a great deal of personal sacrifice and hard work in order for participants to perform at or near maximum capabilities. To meet the demanding physical and mental rigors of any sport, it is necessary to live as</p>
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<p>Pol. 222, 227</p>	<p>healthfully as possible. This requires adherence to certain training rules, which have proven beneficial over the years, particularly to the young, developing athlete.</p> <p>Students shall comply with and be governed by Board policies and administrative regulations prohibiting the use, sale, possession, distribution and/or being under the influence of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or other controlled substances, as defined in Board policy.</p>
<p>Pol. 218, 222, 227</p>	<p>Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension from participation in the activity, in accordance with Board policies, administrative regulations, and district rules and guidelines.</p>
<p>Pol. 140.1</p>	<p><u>Charter School And Cyber Charter Students</u></p> <p>Charter school and cyber charter school students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics in accordance with Board policy.</p>
<p>Pol. 137.1</p>	<p><u>Home Education Program Students</u></p> <p>Home education program students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics in accordance with Board policy.</p>
	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1601-C et seq.</p> <p>Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.</p> <p>Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>Discrimination in Athletics, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Sec. 106.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 123.1, 123.2, 137.1, 140.1, 204, 218, 222, 227</p>