~~REVISED POLICY - VOL. 35, NO. 2~~

~~INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS~~

~~The Board of Education recognizes the value to the students of the District and to the community of a program of interscholastic athletics for students as an integral part of the total school experience.~~

~~[ ] The program should foster the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and stimulate community interest in athletics.~~

~~[ ] The game activities and practice sessions should provide many opportunities to teach the values of competition and good sportsmanship.~~

~~[ ] The program of interscholastic athletics should provide students the opportunity to exercise and test their athletic abilities in a context greater and more varied than that which can be offered by a school or the School District alone. It should also offer an opportunity for career and educational development.~~

~~For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games, events, or sport exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this District with those of another district.~~

~~[ ] The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics.~~

~~The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in the interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student be in good physical condition, be free of injury, and have fully recovered from illness before participating in any interscholastic athletic event.~~

~~No student may practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until the student submits a form signed by his/her parent or guardian, or by a person having care or charge of the student, affirming that each has received a concussion and head injury information sheet as prepared by the Ohio Department of Health. See Form 2431 F1 and Form 2431 F2.~~

~~In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, to be eligible for any interscholastic extra-curricular activity, a student:~~

~~( ) must have maintained at least a _____ grade point average~~

~~( ) must not have received a failing grade in any course~~

~~for the ____ **( )** semester(s) **( )** grading period prior to the **( )** semester **( )** grading period in which s/he wishes to participate.~~

~~Students educated at home or enrolled in a nonpublic school who are permitted to participate on a District interscholastic team must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant. See Policy 9270.~~

~~[ ] An exception may be made by the director if the student has been participating in an intervention program and has shown satisfactory progress toward achieving the minimum grade point average.~~

~~If a student who becomes ineligible under these standards improves his/her grade point average during the current **( )** semester **( )** grading period to meet the eligibility standard, s/he may be reinstated~~

~~( ) at the beginning of the next **( )** semester **( )** grading period.~~

~~( ) after _____ more **( )** semester(s) **( )** grading period(s) with an acceptable grade point average.~~

~~( ) and no failing grades.~~

~~[ ] These same eligibility standards shall apply to all other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities sponsored by the District. (See Policy 2430)~~

~~Students identified as disabled under R.C. 3323 and the IDEA are subject to the eligibility standards established by this policy unless specifically exempted by the express terms of their individualized education program (IEP). An IEP can specify the criteria by which a grade will be determined for (a) course(s), given the student's individualized disability.~~

~~[ ] Any student who has not made a passing score on all required sections of the State-mandated tests after _____ attempts shall be ineligible to participate in athletics.~~

~~[Note: The following should be selected, if at all, only if the District provides intervention programs to help students pass the proficiency tests at times that would conflict with practice.]~~

~~[ ] The Board believes a student who has not passed these tests would be better served by using the time that s/he would be participating in his/her interscholastic sport to participate in one or more of the District's programs for assisting students to pass the required tests.~~

~~[ ] However, if a parent believes that his/her child may be unduly affected by his/her lack of participation in a particular sport, s/he may come to the school and sign a waiver that will release the student from this proficiency test eligibility rule and allow him/her to participate in a particular sport. The parent shall be informed, prior to signing the waiver, that State law does not allow a student to receive a high school diploma unless s/he has passed all State testing requirements.~~

~~Since the primary purpose of the athletic program is to enhance the education of participating students as indicated in this policy, the Board places top priority on maximum student participation and the values of good sportsmanship and fair play.~~

~~[ ] The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) that are consistent with State and Federal law, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board.~~

~~No student shall be excused from a class or supervised study for an extended period of time to participate in interscholastic athletics.~~

~~[ ] The Board further directs that only those students may participate in the program of interscholastic athletics who have:~~

~~( ) maintained a satisfactory academic record;~~

~~( ) attended school regularly;~~

~~( ) demonstrated good citizenship and responsibility;~~

~~( ) returned all school and athletic equipment;~~

~~( ) refrained from participation in a contest on a noninterscholastic team, or as an individual in the same sport during the school's season.~~

~~The Superintendent 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.~~

~~( ) and shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur.~~

~~( ) and shall secure board approval before making any changes in the said schedule.~~

~~In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes and maintain ethical standards, school personnel, coaches, athletic trainers, and lay coaches shall not dispense, supply, recommend, or permit the use of any drug, medication, or food supplement solely for performance enhancing purposes. The Superintendent shall cause to be posted in all locker rooms in buildings that include students in any grade higher than the sixth grade, the following:~~

> ~~"Warning: Improper use of anabolic steroids may cause serious or fatal health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, growth deformities, infertility, personality changes, severe acne, and baldness. Possession, sale, or use of anabolic steroids without a valid prescription is a crime punishable by a fine and imprisonment."~~

~~The Superintendent shall develop appropriate administrative guidelines for the operation of the Athletic Program and a Code of Conduct for those who participate. Such guidelines should provide for the following safeguards:~~

~~( )~~ ~~Prior to enrolling in the sport,~~

~~( )~~ ~~each participant shall submit to a thorough physical examination by a District approved physician;~~

~~( )~~ ~~parents shall report any past or current health problems along with a physician's statement that any such problems have or are being treated and pose no threat to the student's participation.~~

~~( )~~ ~~Any student who is found to have a health condition which may be life threatening to self or others shall not be allowed to participate until the situation has been analyzed by a medical review panel that has determined the conditions under which the student may participate. The District shall assume no liability for any student with a health condition who has been authorized to play by the parents and their physician but not by the District.~~

~~( )~~ ~~Any student who incurs an injury requiring a physician's care is to have the written approval of a physician prior to the student's return to participation.~~

( ) Any student practicing for or competing in an interscholastic event who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury shall be removed from the practice or competition by the student's coach (and/or the referee serving during the practice or competition).

Any student who has been removed from practice or competition by a coach or referee because he/she has exhibited signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury shall not be permitted to return to any practice or competition for which the coach or referee is responsible until both of the following occur:

1. The student's condition is assessed by a physician **( )** or other health care provider authorized by the Board, in accordance with requirements set forth in R.C. 3313.539(E)(2), to assess such a student.

2. The student receives written clearance that it is safe to return to practice or competition from a physician **( )** or other health care provider authorized by the Board, in accordance with requirements set forth in R.C. 3313.539(E)(2), to grant a such a clearance.

[ ] The Superintendent is also to develop guidelines for ensuring that sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity characterize the manner in which the athletic program is conducted and the actions of students who participate. Such guidelines should include:

( ) criteria for judging these important qualities;

( ) procedures by which these values will be communicated to students, parents, and supporters;

( ) means for monitoring the behavior of each of these groups to ensure their behavior reflects high standards.

[ ] The guidelines should also provide a set of behavioral expectations for each type of participant as well as a Sportsmanship Code of Conduct which each type of participant is to follow. The Superintendent is authorized to implement suitable disciplinary procedures against those who violate this Sportsmanship Code.

Students will be further informed that participation in interscholastic sports is a privilege and not a right, and that they may be prohibited from all or part of their participation in such activities by authorized school personnel without further notice, hearing and/or appeal rights (See Policy 5610.05 - Prohibition From Extra-Curricular Activities).

In order to support the High School Athletic Association's program to strengthen sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity, the Board commits itself to:

( ) adopt policies (upon recommendation of the administration) which reflect the District's educational objectives and promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity;

( ) establish standards for athletic participation which reinforce the concept that athletic activities are a privilege, not a right;

( ) attend and enjoy school athletic activities, serving as a positive role model and expecting the same from parents, fans, participants, coaches, and other school personnel;

( ) support and reward participants, coaches, school administrators, and fans who display good sportsmanship;

( ) recognize the value of school athletic activities as a vital part of education.

~~No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics offered by a school in the District because the student has or is participating in college credit plus program as long as the student fulfills all academic, nonacademic and financial requirements.~~

~~R.C. 2305.23, 2305.231, 3313.53, 3313.535, 3313.539, 3313.5311, 3313.5312~~
~~R.C. 3313.5341, 3313.752, 3315.062~~
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