

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program, providing participants with an opportunity to promote physical well-being, enhance self-confidence, build school spirit and promote a positive school climate while learning values such as teamwork and sportsmanship. The athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Sportsmanship

The Board supports the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play and commits the district to providing an environment which promotes good sportsmanship.

The Board expects athletes, coaches, spectators and others to demonstrate good sportsmanship during all athletic competition. Students and staff are responsible for maintaining sportsmanlike behavior at all times and may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

Each school shall adopt and implement appropriate guidelines and rules related to sportsmanship, citizenship and behavior at athletic contests.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Equivalent Opportunity

The district interscholastic athletic program and activities shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices in accordance with state and federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities for both genders are provided.

The Board encourages all interested students to participate in the athletic program and try out for teams.

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

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Supervision

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, training and preparation for competition. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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

17580-17581 *Football equipment*

33353-33353.5 *California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program*

33354 *CDE authority over interscholastic athletics*

35160.5 *District policies; rules and regulations*

35161 *Powers and duties generally*

35179 *Interscholastic athletics*

48930-48938 *Student organizations*

49020-49023 *Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity, apportionment, 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*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 *Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX*

COURT DECISIONS

Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

A Board Member's Guide to CIF and Interscholastic Sports

CIF PUBLICATIONS

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws, 1996-97

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Rules on Bleeding Players