



POLICY: 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 shall 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 shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The schools of the district shall not participate in any out-of-season athletics that are not sanctioned by the WIAA. The district shall 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 shall 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 shall 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. An athletic coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description.
- C. 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).
- D. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained and fitted.
- E. All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the district, shall be inspected on a regular basis.
- F. Students will be informed that eligibility to participate will be denied if anabolic steroids are used for the purpose of enhancing athletic ability.

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- G. The Board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic sports. 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(s) and the student acknowledge the risks of injuries resulting from such participation, including the inherent risks of infection with a blood-borne pathogen, and give assurance that the student will follow the instructions of the coach.
- H. Each participant shall be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A written report shall be completed when a student is injured while participating in a school-supervised activity. A participant shall be free of injury and shall have recovered from illness before participating in any activity.
- I. Each student participating in interscholastic athletic 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 shall provide evidence of coverage with a minimum limit of \$25,000 in medical expenses or shall obtain such coverage through the insurance plan offered to all students participating in activities in the district.

The district athletic director shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board a program of interscholastic activities for each season. The district athletic director will communicate and enforce 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 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 shall be distributed to each participant and his/her parents prior to the beginning of an interscholastic activity season.

CROSS REFERENCES:	Board Policy 2121	Student Drug, Chemical and Alcohol Use/Abuse Program
	WIAA Handbook	
LEGAL REFERENCES:	RCW 28A.400.350	Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized — Premiums Interschool athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students, regulation of — Delegation, conditions
	RCW 28A.600.200	
	RCW 69.41.330	
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		Public Warnings — School districts Student athletics

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