

**Somerset County Board of Education
Program Guidelines
Policy # 500-38**

Physical Education Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities

1. DEFINITIONS

- A) Adapted Physical Education Program – A physical education curricular program developed for a student with a disability
- B) Corollary Athletic Program – An athletic program that is not governed by the requirements of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSA) and that is specifically designed to combine groups of students with and without disabilities together in physical activity.
- C) Interscholastic Athletic Program – An Athletic Program that is governed by the requirements of the MPSSAA detailed in COMAR 13A.06.03.
- D) Mainstream Physical Education – A curricular program in physical education that is aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum.

2. EXCEPTIONS

- A) A student who uses an accommodation or modification to play a sport that fundamentally alters the sport, provides a competitive advantage to the student, competitively disadvantages other participants, or significantly increases the risk of injury for the student or other participants, shall be offered the opportunity to participate in a corollary athletic program.

COMAR 13A.04.13 - PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION
COMAR 13A.06.03 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS IN THE STATE
COMAR 13A.06.04 - COROLLARY ATHLETIC PROGRAMS