



**NORTH ALLEGHENY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>PROGRAMS</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS</b>
<b>ADOPTED:</b>	<b>1/27/16</b>
<b>REVISED:</b>	

**123 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

**Section 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.

**Section 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 the District.

**Section 3. Authority**

- a. It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on an equal basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with law and regulations.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA.) and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformance with the objectives of the District.

Title 22  
Sec. 4.27  
34 CFR  
Sec. 106.41  
Pol. 103, 103.1

SC 511

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Pol. 243

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<p>SC 511</p> <p>Pol. 204</p> <p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>e. The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.</li> <li>2. Paid the associated participation fee, when applicable.</li> <li>3. Met the required attendance eligibility.</li> <li>4. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.</li> <li>5. Adhered to applicable discipline standards.</li> <li>6. Complied with all other requirements posted in the Board-approved Athletics and Extracurricular Student and Parent Handbook.</li> </ol>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>f. Off-Campus Activities</p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored athletics whether or not via School District furnished transportation.</li> <li>2. The student is a member of an athletic team and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.</li> <li>3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.</li> <li>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored event, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> <li>6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored event.</li> </ol>

Title 22  
Sec. 12.1, 12.4

**Section 4. Delegation of Responsibility**

- a. The Superintendent, Athletic Director, 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.
- b. Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall sign all required PIAA acknowledgements that they have reviewed and understand the inherent risks, including but not limited to, the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet and Sudden Cardiac Arrest information, along with responsibilities associated with playing an interscholastic sport.
- c. The Superintendent, Athletic Director, 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 PIAA, and the School District.
- d. The Superintendent shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the District's enrollment.
- e. 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.

**Section 5. Guidelines**

Equipment and supplies shall remain the property of the District and shall not be given to students for personal use.

**References:**

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4

Discrimination in Athletics, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Sec. 106.41

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 204, 218, 243