



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Section 1. Purpose

The North Allegheny School District believes the purpose of its Interscholastic Athletic Program, as an integral part of the total secondary educational process, is to provide learning experiences that will contribute to the personal, physical, and psychological development of the individual student-athlete. The District is committed to providing a wholesome learning environment through appropriate facilities, equipment, and staff necessary to support this program, in accordance with applicable law.

The North Allegheny School District will strive to develop and maintain a competitive athletic program that will provide broad participation by as many males and females as possible. It is desirable that teams compete on an even basis with other schools, but never at the sacrifice of safety, sportsmanship, academic priority, or general welfare of the school and students.

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 this District.

Section 3. Authority

It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and in accordance with law and regulations.

The Board shall 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.

Title 22
Sec. 4.27
Title IX, 20 U.S.C.
Sec. 1681 et seq.
SC 511
Pol 103

Pol 103	<p>Section 4. <u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Superintendent shall ensure athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the District's enrollment as per Federal Statute Title IX. b. All students must have a current medical examination and a parent(s)/guardian(s) permission form on file before they are allowed participation in any activity. c. At the beginning of each sport season, a list of students who have obligations (physical forms, parental permission forms, activity fees, uniform returns, etc.) to the Athletic Department will be compiled. Any student whose name appears on the list shall not be permitted to participate until the obligation has been cleared. d. No student will be issued any equipment until s/he has signed a form indicating that s/he has received the equipment and agrees to pay for any that is lost, stolen, or destroyed. <p>Section 5. <u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The School Board accepts Article IX of the bylaws and constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) and delegates the Athletic Director to be primarily responsible in all matters pertaining to interscholastic athletics in the District, in conjunction with the Building Principal. b. The varsity, junior varsity, and middle school teams that are sponsored by the North Allegheny School District will participate in the section and/or conferences which are assigned by the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL). c. Each North Allegheny secondary school should provide opportunities for student athletes to participate in sports. d. The District will provide all participants of PIAA recognized sports with complete, well-fitted, protective equipment of acceptable quality. e. Practice sessions and athletic contests will be scheduled to minimize disruptions with the school's academic program. f. Practice sessions must be of the intensity and duration compatible with the physical limitations of the early adolescent. Coaches should have an awareness of environmental conditions and incorporate that awareness into daily activities. g. There must be a constant awareness of the vast physical differences reflected
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<p>Pol 218</p>	<p>in the secondary school age group. All coaches should differentiate their activities based on their participants' differences and abilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. The program will include an awareness of desirable school citizenship and good sportsmanship in both participants and spectators. i. All interscholastic student-athletes will be active participants in physical education classes. j. Only qualified personnel interested in promoting the concepts outlined herein will be permitted to participate in the program as supervisors or coaches. <p>Section 6. <u>Family Permission</u></p> <p>All students participating in the District's Interscholastic Athletic Program must pass the mandated PIAA Comprehensive Physical Examination and other health related protocols identified by the District. All required permission forms must be properly signed, dated, and submitted by the advertised date for his/her sport season. Participation in subsequent seasons will require the student-athlete to adhere to the PIAA rules and regulations.</p> <p>Section 7. <u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All student-athletes participating in the North Allegheny Athletic Program must adhere to the PIAA and District rules and regulations regarding academic, attendance, and athletic procedures. b. Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete the District's Athletic Insurance Waiver form prior to participation. Students have the opportunity to purchase medical insurance from the District's carrier. c. All students interested in participating in the District's Athletic Program must pass and complete the PIAA's Comprehensive Physical Examination form as well as any other health-related protocols required by the District. All forms must be submitted to the Athletic Office prior to the start of the sport season in order to be guaranteed the opportunity to compete on the first day of the season. All forms must be filed ten days prior to the start of the start-up date. d. Any student-athlete not meeting the daily attendance requirements, without the permission of the Athletic Director and/or the Building Principal, will not be permitted to practice or participate in the District's Athletic Program. <p>Section 8. <u>Conduct</u></p> <p>All student-athletes, while participating in or being transported to or from athletic related venues, are subject to the <i>North Allegheny Code of Conduct</i> as well as team rules for the sport. Violations of the <i>North Allegheny Code of Conduct</i> and/or team rules may lead to suspension or dismissal from the team. The case will be</p>
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reviewed by the Athletic Director, Building Principal, and Coach. Parents of any student-athlete suspended or dismissed from the team will be notified of such action.

Section 9. Participation Following a Disciplinary Matter

The final determination on whether a student-athlete participates in a practice or contest will come from the Athletic Director, Principal, and Coach based on the infraction, team rules, athletic procedures, *North Allegheny Code of Conduct*, and input from other school personnel as needed.

Section 10. Procedure for Reporting Injuries

- a. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the Coach is aware of any and all injuries; it is the Coach's and/or Certified Athletic Trainer's responsibility to make necessary reports for all injuries.
- b. If a student-athlete is injured during practice or in a scheduled contest and needs medical attention (non-emergency), the Coach will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s). The Athletic Trainer, Coach, and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will coordinate follow-up care for the student-athlete.
- c. In case of emergency, and if the student-athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s) are not immediately available, then the Athletic Trainer, Coach, or Athletic Director has the authority to transport the student-athlete via Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- d. A member of the Coaching Staff or Certified Athletic Training Staff will remain with the student-athlete until the parent(s)/guardian(s) arrive or until such time as other satisfactory arrangements can be made.
- e. The Athletic Training Staff and a Coach will keep a record of all injuries and will notify the Athletic Director of all injuries as quickly as possible following the occurrence of the injury.

Section 11. Participation Following an Injury

The final determination on whether a student-athlete participates in a practice or contest following an injury will come from the Athletic Director, Principal, and Coach based on input from the School Physicians and the Certified Athletic Training staff. All decisions will be based on the health and welfare of the student-athlete.

Section 12. Athletic Insurance Program

- a. Student-athletes will be able to purchase student insurance from the District's designated provider(s).

b. Student-athletes will be covered primarily by their family insurance with the District's insurance providing secondary coverage if applicable.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

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

Federal Anti-Discrimination Law – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq. (Title IX)

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