

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Governing Board 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.

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. In addition, all athletes in the district must sign and agree to comply with the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct (5131.1/AR-1).

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.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

The Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic athletic activities be conducted according to Board and CIF rules, regulations and policies. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district interscholastic athletic program while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions as appropriate.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the district interscholastic athletic program is limited to those students who maintain minimum progress toward completing district graduation requirements, maintain the required grade point average as established by the Board for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities and meet other district and CIF eligibility requirements.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities. Universal precautions shall be observed when injuries occur.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in the interscholastic athletic program.

Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic training and competition is conducted in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

SUPERVISION

All athletic teams shall be supervised by quality 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.

The following sports shall be offered at the senior high level:

| BOYS' SPORTS | GIRLS' SPORTS |
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| 1. Baseball a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade | 1. Basketball a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade |
| 2. Basketball a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade | 2. Field Hockey a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity |
| *^3. Football a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade | 3. Softball a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade |
| 4. Soccer a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade | 4. Volleyball a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity |
| ^5. Wrestling a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade | *5. Gymnastics a. Varsity |
| 6. Tennis a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity | 6. Soccer a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade |
| 7. Track & Field a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade | 7. Tennis a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity |
| 8. Volleyball a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity | 8. Track & Field a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity c. 9 th Grade |
| *9. Water Polo a. Varsity | *9. Water Polo a. Varsity |

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| b. Jr. Varsity | b. Jr. Varsity |
| 10. Golf a. Varsity | *10. Golf a. Varsity |
| BOYS' AND GIRLS' SPORTS (Combined) | |
| *1. Swimming a. Varsity b. Jr. Varsity | |
| 2. Cross Country a. Varsity | |

^Girls are eligible

*LCC and TP

LEGAL REFERENCE

EDUCATION CODE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 1681-1688 | Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX |
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COURT DECISIONS

Hartzel 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