UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

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	123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
1. Purpose SC 511	The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all students of the district and to the community.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events or sport 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.
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 5.217	It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interschool athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and in accordance with State regulations.
	The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall 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.
	The Board shall approve admission fees for sports programs annually.
	The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in the interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student be covered by the maximum Student Accident Insurance available, or its equivalent, be in good physical condition, be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness, as determined by the district physician, before participating in any interscholastic athletic event.
	The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this district.

	The Board further directs that no student may participate in the program of interscholastic athletics who has not maintained a record of academic proficiency, attended school regularly, and returned all school athletic equipment.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration, a program of interscholastic athletics.
	The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with the rules of the State Board of Education and the P.I.A.A.
5. Guidelines	School Athletic Jackets
	To provide positive recognition of the efforts of its various athletic teams, the Union School District will provide jackets to all members of any team which earns at least "League Co-Champions" recognition. Team "members" will be defined as Board- employed coaches, varsity players, and team managers and statisticians. The District will provide jackets according to the following guidelines:
	 Working in conjunction with the Athletic Director and the Assistant Athletic Director, and according to financial parameters established by the Board of Education, the Athletic Committee of the Board of Education will approve jacket types, styles and purchasing arrangements.
	2. The office of the Athletic Director will purchase jackets during the spring sports season and will issue jackets, when possible, during the spring All-Events' Assembly.
	3. Each jacket will bear the name of the recipient as well as the sport(s) and accomplishment(s) for which the jacket was won.
	4. No individual may receive more than one jacket per academic year.