

ABINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy: 123
Section: Programs
Title: Interscholastic Athletics

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.

The game activities and practice sessions provide many opportunities to teach the values of sportsmanship.

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.

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 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 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.

The Board further directs that no student may participate in the program of interscholastic athletics who has not:

- ? maintained a record of academic proficiency sufficient to ensure that participation in interscholastic athletic activities will not interfere with his/her instructional program;
- ? attend school regularly and was in attendance on the day immediately preceding the athletic event; or

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? returned all school athletic equipment.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall use as a guide the rules of the State Board of Education and the P.I.A.A.

Legal Reference: SC 511; Title 2, Sec. 5.217

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