

BERWICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS

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123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board believes that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational development of the student.</p> <p>The athletic program should provide a variety of experiences to enhance the development of positive student habits and attitudes that will prepare them for adult life in a democratic society.</p> <p>Athletics should function as an integral part of the total curriculum. Athletics should offer opportunities to serve the institution, to assist in developing positive relationships and good will, to provide self-realization, all-around growth, and good citizenship qualities.</p>
2. Definition	<p>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.</p>
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR Sec. 106.41 Pol. 103 SC 511	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Board establishes that a fee may be charged per student per year and/or per sport for the privilege of participating in interscholastic athletics.</p>

<p>SC 510, 511</p>	<p>In accordance with Board authority pursuant to the School Code, all coaching positions shall be appointed on a year-to-year basis with each position being opened thirty (30) days following the final contest in the respective sport.</p> <p>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 in good physical condition; and be free of injury, as determined by the district physician.</p> <p>The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.</p> <p>The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.2. Attended school regularly.3. Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice.4. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used. <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.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.4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</p> <p>The Superintendent 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.</p> <p>S/He shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare 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 P.I.A.A. and the school district as applicable.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27</p> <p>Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR 106.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 218</p>
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