

Students

Extracurricular Athletics

The purpose of the extra curricular athletic programs at district schools is to offer an athletic opportunity for young people.

Our specific goals are:

1. to develop in the young athlete satisfaction and pride in winning and the desire to learn from failures.
2. to generate the feeling of pride in our school, our teams, coaches, staff and communities.
3. to instill in each athlete a sense of integrity and loyalty to his or her teammates, coaches and school.
4. to generate in the athlete a sense of responsibility to and satisfaction in the cooperative efforts of team play.
5. to realize the need for and satisfaction in establishing and attaining personal and team goals.
6. to create and maintain desirable student and school characteristics by having our athletes exemplify self-discipline in the classroom as well as on the practice and game fields.

Both athletes and parents should share in the mutual efforts toward attaining these goals.

Student participation in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities is contingent upon the following:

1. The student must meet the academic criteria set forth in Board policy 6:190, *Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities*.
2. A parent/guardian of the student must provide written permission for the student's participation, giving the District full waiver of responsibility of the risks involved.
3. The student must present a current certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse, or a physician assistant. The *Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form*, offered by the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Elementary School Association, is the preferred certificate of physical fitness.
4. The student must show proof of accident insurance coverage either by a policy purchased through the District-approved insurance plan or a parent(s)/guardian(s) written statement that the student is covered under a family insurance plan.
5. The student must agree to follow all conduct rules and the coaches' instructions.
6. The student and his or her parent(s) / guardian(s) must provide written consent to random drug and alcohol testing pursuant to the Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.
7. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must: (a) comply with the eligibility rules of, and complete any forms required by, any sponsoring association (such as, the Illinois Elementary School Association, the Illinois High School Association or the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association, and (b) complete all forms required by the District including, without limitation, signing an acknowledgment of receiving information about the Board's concussion policy 7:305, *Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries*.

The Superintendent or designee (1) is authorized to impose additional requirements for a student to participate in extracurricular athletics, provided the requirement(s) comply with Board policy 7:10,

Equal Educational Opportunities, and (2) shall maintain the necessary records to ensure student compliance with this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30, 5/10-20.54, 5/22-80, and 25/2.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §1.530(b).

CROSS REF.: 4:100 (Insurance Management), 4:170 (Safety), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:305 (Student Concussions and Head Injuries), 7:340 (Student Records).

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