

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

Student athletics and activities are a co-curricular part of the school program. The superintendent may delegate the responsibility for coordinating the athletics and activities program to the athletic and activities director and to building principals.

An essential component related to our Strategic Plan goal for safety and belonging includes supporting students through a variety of interscholastic athletics and activities that create a safe and positive learning environment and prompt, varied and meaningful involvement of students.

The athletics and activities program should:

1. Serve a definite, purposeful function by contributing to physical and emotional health, citizenship and character objectives among which are the following:
  - a. Promoting physical fitness and development.
  - b. Developing skill and grace in movement.
  - c. Learning and practicing regular habits of personal hygiene and safety.
  - d. Learning to accept social control (abiding by rules and decisions of officials).
  - e. Learning to treat all involved with mutual respect and consideration.
  - f. Developing social competence through cooperative effort.
  - g. Reinforcing democratic ideals through equal opportunity and self-worth based on effort and contribution.
  - h. Learning to practice and play under the rules of sportsmanship and the spirit of fair play.
  - i. Learning to accept and practice the levels of commitment, discipline, self-sacrifice and responsibility necessary to accomplish the desired end result.
  - j. Exercising alertness, resourcefulness and initiative.
  - k. Developing emotional maturity by learning how to accept victory with equanimity, profit from defeat without bitterness and exercise self-control in emotional situations.
2. Provide opportunities for creative fulfillment, self-realization and development of a positive self-concept through experiencing success and satisfaction in vigorous competition.
3. Offer learning experiences not provided in the curriculum.
4. Be as broad-based and as extensive as facilities, staff and finances can adequately support in order to serve as many individuals and varieties of interests as is possible.
5. Serve the competitive and recreation needs of students through a variety of activities, i.e., physical recreation, intramural, extramural and interscholastic programs.
6. Provide regular opportunities for students to put into practice the interests, knowledge and skills acquired in the physical education program.

Gate receipts, student participation fees and fund raising shall be the primary source of funds supporting interscholastic athletics. The Board of Education may support the athletics and activities program with budgeted district funds as recommended by the superintendent wherever gate receipts are not adequate to support the program.

The superintendent shall issue regulations on the manner of accounting for all funds and expenditures for athletics and activities.

Regularly enrolled students in good academic standing who meet the eligibility requirements of the Colorado High School Activities Association and Policies JJJ and JJJ-R shall be eligible for participation in high school athletics and activities.

Each school participating in athletics and activities shall form an athletics and activities council to serve as an advisory body to the principal in drawing up recommendations for the conduct of the athletics and activities program.

The superintendent shall issue regulations regarding athletics and activities participation, competition and training that shall be designed to insure adherence to Board policy, the protection of students and compliance with regulating agencies.

District high schools will be members of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) as required to field competitive athletic teams in the State of Colorado. League membership will be determined by the principal of each high school in collaboration with the building Athletic Director and district Athletics and Activities Director. The size of schools and geographical proximity will be considered when determining league membership.

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