

Instruction

Interscholastic Competition

The Governing Board recognizes that the interscholastic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. Within the District's financial and personnel constraints, the interscholastic program shall be geared to students' interests and abilities and varied in scope to ensure wide participation.

In accordance with law, the District shall provide equivalent opportunities to both sexes and shall maintain control over all aspects of the program.

Health and Safety:

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting interscholastic activities. Universal precautions shall be observed when injuries occur and when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards, and other articles containing body fluids.

Special care shall be taken to ensure that all interscholastic training and competition is conducted in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. Students shall have a medical examination before participating in the interscholastic program. Protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

Supervision

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified licensed personnel.

Open Participation:

The Board encourages all students to try out for athletic teams. Coaches shall accept as many students as possible on their teams. Expanded team membership may include students who work out with the team but do not participate in competitions.

California Interscholastic Federation:

The Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic athletic activities be conducted according to CIF rules, regulations, and policies, except as the Board may direct otherwise.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district representatives to CIF report regularly to the Board on league, section and statewide issues, as well as activities and prospective actions related to athletics.

Participation in the District interscholastic program is limited to those students who meet the District's eligibility requirements.

Eligibility requirements for participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program are the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in CIF league athletics satisfy any additional CIF eligibility requirements.

LEGAL REFERENCE: EDUCATION CODE

40 Prohibited sex discrimination

41 School sponsored athletic programs; prohibited sex discrimination

200-261 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

33353 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies

33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; insurance program

33354 Authority over interscholastic athletics

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35179 Interscholastic athletics

39617 Football equipment

48930-48938 Student organizations

49020 Athletic programs: Legislative intent

49021 Equal opportunity for male and female students

49022 Apportionment of funds for athletic programs

49023 Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

[60850-60856](#) High School Exit Examination

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5:

4900-4962 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance.

[4900-4965](#) Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1681-1688](#) Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

COURT DECISIONS

[Hartzell v. Connell](#) (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 889