

# DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETICS

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123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for community involvement.
2. Definition	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.
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR 106.41 Pol. 103	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.
SC 511	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.
Pol. 122.1	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 a physician.  The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

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<p>Pol. 227.1</p>	<p>The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.</li> <li>2. Maintained a record of academic proficiency sufficient to ensure that participation in interscholastic athletic activities will not interfere with academic achievement.</li> <li>3. Attended school regularly.</li> <li>4. Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice.</li> <li>5. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.</li> <li>6. Comply with Board policy on drug and alcohol testing.</li> </ol>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323, 5333 Pol. 123.1, 123.2</p>	<p>Each School year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concussion and Traumatic brain Injury Information Sheet.</li> <li>2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet.</li> </ol>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>Off-Campus Activities</p> <p>Students should adhere to the Code of Student Conduct if participating in activities off school property. Violation of the code occurs if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

<p>5. Guidelines SC 1603 –C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</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 recommendations for coaches and a complete schedule of events.</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.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment.</p> <p><u>Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report</u></p> <p>By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.</p> <p>By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the district’s website.</p> <p>The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, on any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 51, 1601-C et seq.</p> <p>Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.</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, 122.1, 123.1, 123.2, 227.1,</p>
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