

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic athletics for boys and girls is an integral and desirable part of the district's secondary school educational program. Individual and team sports shall be based upon comprehensive physical education instruction and intramural activities, seeking broad participation from all eligible secondary students. Lifetime or carry-over sports are to be particularly encouraged and supported. Parity in the number and kind of sports activities for girls and boys is a clear objective of the district.

All interscholastic athletic programs will be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

- Student participation will be voluntary.
- Participation is limited to students in grades 7-12. Students in grades 7 or 8 will be eligible to participate in senior high school sports programs based on the following criteria:
 1. Successful completion of a special physical examination approved by the school physician.
 2. Successful completion of the New York State Physical Fitness Test.
 3. Recommendation to participate from the student's physical education teacher and the coach of the sport involved.
 4. Written parental consent.

In addition to above criteria, the following general guidelines will govern participation:

1. Students selected based on the above criteria must try out for the activity in the same manner as any other student. There is no guarantee that he/she will make the team.
2. Any 7th or 8th grade student participating at the high school level will be subject to the same rules and regulations as any other team member.
3. Those coaches having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school will conform in all ways to the general education program as established by the Board, including schedules, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, state requirements, and health and safety regulations.
4. The district is a member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), and will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of sports that it encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic programs is determined by the association program and the regulations of the Commissioner.
5. No student may start practice for any interscholastic or extramural athletic team until he/she has had a physical examination approved by the school physician.
6. The district's participation in interscholastic athletics will be subject to annual approval by the Board.