

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 seek 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.

The opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities is a privilege afforded to all eligible students enrolled in the public schools of the District. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities should recognize that they have an obligation to themselves, other students participating in that same activity, and the school community to strive for excellence and personal improvement in the activity.

Participation in modified and interscholastic sports is a privilege afforded to all eligible secondary school students (grades 7-12) as set forth in the Commissioner's Regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Guidelines. Participation in the sports program is intended to teach exercise, self-discipline, self-control, good sportsmanship, and mature judgment.

Student eligibility for participation on interscholastic teams shall include:

1. authorization by the school physician;
2. written parent or guardian consent; and
3. endorsement by the Building Principal based on established rules and various league and State Education Department regulations.

Ref: Education Law §§1709 (8-a); 3001-b
8 NYCRR §135.4
Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. V. Doe, U.S. S.Ct., 2000WL 775587, No. 99-62 (June 19, 2000) (constitutionality of student-led prayers at interscholastic athletic activities)

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