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Intramural Competition

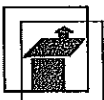
The Board considers all competitive extracurricular activities--academic, artistic and athletic--an integral part of the total educational program. Competitive activities shall be under the same administration and control as the rest of the school program and closely articulated with it.

Competitive activities can provide pupils with valuable experience and opportunities. In this district, the emphasis in any competition shall be on providing such experiences and opportunities rather than on producing winning teams or providing entertainment. Practice for or performance in any competitive event shall not interfere with the regular educational program.

The Board shall approve all proposed extracurricular activities, either as a schedule or as a discrete event, whichever is appropriate. The Board must approve membership in any leagues, associations and conferences, and any agreements with other schools for a series of games or events.

The Board shall appoint coaches, advisors, physicians and other necessary supervisory personnel upon recommendation of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall also ensure that training programs/regulations are developed for all extracurricular athletic activities and that all physical facilities involved in any competition in which the district takes part shall be adequate, safe and sanitary.

Public recognition shall be given to participants in academic or artistic competitions in the same measure as to athletic competitors. The districts affirmative action resolution and plan for school and classroom practices shall apply to determining eligibility for competition, approval of each competitive activity in which pupils officially represent the district, and district expenditure to provide facilities and coaches.



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Parental Consent

No pupil may participate in a school-sponsored physical activity outside the regular physical education curriculum without a signed consent form from a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) naming the activity and acknowledging that the activity may be hazardous.

Academic Eligibility

Academic standards for eligibility shall be those established by Policy 2430 - Co-Curricular Activities.

Attendance Standards

Attendance standards shall be those set in Policy 5200 - Attendance. In particular, a pupil shall not participate in a performance, exhibition, practice or athletic event unless he/she has been present in school that day or has been absent for an excused reason other than for sickness.

Disciplinary Standards

Disciplinary on disciplinary probation or serving a detention or suspension may not practice, perform or compete. The Superintendent or designee shall decide at the end of a probation or suspension whether the pupil may return to practice and competition.

Special Education Pupils

To participate in extracurricular activities, special education pupils must meet the same requirements listed above in conformity with IEPs.

Health Requirements

Good physical condition, freedom from injury, and full recovery from illness are prerequisites to participation in athletic competition and practice for such competition. HIV status shall not be screened as a part of athletic physicals or reported in



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school health records.

An examination of each candidate for a school athletic squad or team shall be conducted within 365 days prior to the first practice session with examinations being conducted at the medical home of the pupil. If the pupil does not have a medical home, the district will provide the examination at the school physician's office or other appropriately equipped office.

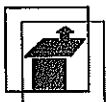
The medical examination shall be conducted in accordance with N.J.S.A 6A:16-2.2(h)1 and 2 and Regulation 2431.2. The medical report shall include a determination concerning the pupil's participation from the examining physician, nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist, or physician's assistant. The medical report shall be provided to the school physician.

If the pupil's medical examination was completed more than sixty days prior to the first practice session, the pupil must provide a health history update of medical problems experienced since the last medical examination in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)4. This health history must be completed and signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

The school physician will provide a signed written notification to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) stating approval of the pupil's participation in the athletics based on the medical report or the written reasons for the school physician's disapproval of the pupil's participation.

The health findings of this medical examination shall be maintained as part of the pupil's health record.

The medical examination conducted to determine the fitness of a candidate for athletic competition and the health history update must include, as a minimum, the respective medical history information and physical assessments set forth in rules of the State Board of Education and incorporated in their entirety in regulations implementing this policy.



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N.J.S.A. 2C:21-11;
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7; 6A:16-1.4; 6A:16-2 et seq.

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