

STUDENTS

Extra Curricular Activities

Student participation in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities is contingent upon the following:

1. The student must meet the academic criteria set forth in Board policy.
2. A parent/guardian of the student must provide written permission for the student's participation, giving the District full waiver of responsibility for the risks involved.
3. The student must present a current certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse, or a physician assistant. The ***Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form***, offered by the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Elementary School Association, is the preferred certificate of physical fitness.
4. The student must agree to follow all conduct rules and the coaches' instructions.
5. The student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must: (a) comply with the eligibility rules of, and complete any forms required by, any sponsoring association (such as, the Illinois Elementary School Association) and (b) complete all forms required by the District including, without limitation, signing an acknowledgment of receiving information about the Board's concussion policy.

The Superintendent or designee (1) is authorized to impose additional requirements for a student to participate in extracurricular athletics, provided the requirement(s) comply with Board policy and (2) shall maintain the necessary records to ensure student compliance with this policy.

Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

The Superintendent or designee, using input from coaches and sponsors of extracurricular activities, shall develop a conduct code for all participants in extracurricular activities consistent with School Board policy. The conduct code shall:

1. Require participants in extracurricular activities to conduct themselves as good citizens and exemplars of their school at all times, including after school, on days when school is not in session, and whether on or off school property.
2. Emphasize that hazing and bullying activities are strictly prohibited.
3. Notify participants that failure to abide by it could result in removal from the activity. The conduct code shall be reviewed by the Building Principal periodically at the principal's discretion and presented to the Board.
4. Afford students the ability to modify their athletic team uniform for the purpose of modesty in clothing or attire to align with religious or cultural values as appropriate.

Participants in extracurricular activities must abide by the conduct code for the activity and Board policy. Participants who violate the conduct code will be allowed to give an explanation before being progressively disciplined. All coaches and sponsors of extracurricular activities shall annually review the conduct code with participants and provide participants with a copy. In addition, coaches and sponsors of interscholastic athletic programs shall provide instruction on steroid abuse prevention to students in 7th and 8th grades participating in these programs.

LEGAL REF.: Board of Education of Independent School Dist. No. 92 v. Earls, 122 S.Ct. 2559 (2002).
Clements v. Board of Education of Decatur, 478 N.E.2d 1209 (Ill.App.4, 1985).
Kevin Jordan v. O’Fallon THSD 203, 706 N.E.2d 137 (Ill.App.5, 1999).
Todd v. Rush County Schools, 133 F.3d 984 (7th Cir., 1998).
Veronia School Dist. 475 v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 (1995).
105 ILCS 5/24-24, 5/27-23.3, and 25/2.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.30, 5/10-20.54, 5/22-80, and 25/2.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.530(b).

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