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ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Governing Board recognizes that the District's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 3541.1 - School-Related Trips)

(cf. 5030 - Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 7110 - Determining Needs)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

The Board encourages business and community support for District athletic programs, subject to applicable District Policies and Regulations governing advertisements and donations.

(cf. 1321 - Fundraising/Solicitations)

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests)

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The District's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law. The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination)

(cf. 5145.7 - Student Harassment)

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Any complaint regarding the District's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the District's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for participation in the District's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement and residency, shall be the same as those set by the District for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(cf. 3530 - Insurance Management)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program.

Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

Students and staff may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

(cf. 4218 - Termination of Employment)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Coaches and appropriate District employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

In the event that an injury occurs, the coach or other appropriate District employee shall observe universal precautions and shall remove the student athlete from the activity and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

(cf. 4019.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment
17580-17581 Football equipment
32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities
33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program
33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics
35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations
35179 Interscholastic athletics
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49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances
49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program
49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries
49700-49701 Education of children of military families
51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program
PENAL CODE
245.6 Hazing
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs, especially:
4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities
5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students
5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
106.31 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities
106.33 Comparable facilities
106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs