

**INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION**

The Governing Board considers the interscholastic program an integral component of the district educational program. The interscholastic athletic program shall be geared to the interests and abilities of students of both sexes and varied in scope to ensure wide participation, consistent with the financial and personnel constraints of the district.

The Board shall maintain general control over all aspects of the interscholastic athletic policies, programs and activities in the district, including eligibility, season of sport, number of sports, personnel, and sports facilities. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to the Board for district compliance with federal and state law.

In consonance with Board Policy 6145, participation in the district interscholastic program shall be made available to those students who meet the eligibility requirements and demonstrate successful progress towards meeting graduation requirements.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

The Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that the health and welfare of students is given the highest consideration in planning a program of interscholastic competition. Accordingly, the district interscholastic program shall provide for medical examinations, ongoing medical supervision, and the use of protective equipment to minimize injuries.

Special care shall be taken to ensure that all interscholastic training and competition is organized and supervised in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants.

(cf. 5131.63 - Anabolic Steroids)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaching personnel.

(cf. 4127 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

All athletic events shall be officiated by qualified and licensed personnel.

**Equipment - Safety**

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

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

**INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION** (continued)

**California Interscholastic Federation**

In accordance with this policy, the Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that all interscholastic athletic activities involving the district be conducted according to CIF rules, regulations and policies, except as the Board may direct otherwise.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

40 Prohibited sex discrimination

41 School sponsored athletic programs; prohibited sex discrimination

200-262 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

33353 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies

33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; insurance program

33354 Authority over interscholastic athletics

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35179 Interscholastic athletics

39617 Football equipment

48930-48938 Student organizations

49020 Athletic programs: Legislative intent

49021 Equal opportunity for male and female students

49022 Apportionment of funds for athletic programs

49023 Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches