

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic sports offer an area of high level competition where students strive to excel among others of like ability. The Board of Education recognizes the desirability of the district's participation in activities sponsored by Section 7 NYSPHSAA and/or Champlain Valley Conference to the extent that the school can support such activities. The values inherent in a well-developed program of intramural and extramural athletic activities which are non-elective and open to all are deemed of utmost importance to the welfare of the students.

Eligibility Standards for Interscholastic Athletics (Grades 7 & 8 Eligibility)

Students in grades seven and eight will be eligible to participate in senior high school sports programs based on the following criteria:

1. successful completion of a special physical examination by the school medical staff;
2. successful completion of the New York State Physical Fitness Test;
3. recommendation to participate from the student's physical education teacher and the coach of the sport involved; and
4. written parental consent.

In addition to the above criteria, the following general guidelines will govern participation:

1. Students selected, based on the above criteria, must try out for the activity in the same manner as any other student. There is no guarantee that he/she will make the team.
2. Any 7th or 8th grade student participating at the high school level will be subject to the same rules and regulations as any other team member.
3. Students in 7th and 8th grade are not allowed to participate at the varsity level in a contact sport, i.e., football, hockey, soccer, basketball, unless a waiver is granted by the Board of Education. In order for a waiver to be granted the following criteria must be met:
 - 3.1 Provide documentation that student has participated in the same sport at a similar level of competition outside of the high school interscholastic athletics.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §§414, 1502; 1604(7-b); 1708(3); 1718(2); 2023; 3001-b; 3208-a
 Arts and Cultural Affairs Law §61.09
 8 NYCRR §135. 5280

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