

INSTRUCTION

Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics

Interscholastic athletics are grades 7-12 sports activities taking place between schools in an organized, recognized athletic conference or league and regulated by the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. They provide an opportunity for students to improve playing skills, develop physical vigor, promote friendships, encourage teamwork, and foster good sportsmanship.

The board of education shall approve those interscholastic athletics in which the district will participate.

The superintendent shall submit recommendations to the board for any change, addition, or deletion in the interscholastic athletic programs. Such recommendations shall be consistent with board, conference and/or league policies.

Interscholastic athletic programs shall be conducted outside of school hours, with the exception of those activities pre-approved by the athletic director, with an emphasis on health, safety, sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork. Interscholastic athletics must not interfere with nor have precedence over the regular physical education program.

The superintendent is responsible for the organization and administration of the grades 7-12 interscholastic athletic program in accordance with the Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations. The superintendent shall establish rules and regulations in cooperation with the middle school and high school building principals and the athletic directors.

Reference: Michigan High School Athletic Association Handbook
Okemos Athletic Department Parent-Athlete Handbook

Policy

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Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics - Regulations

Rules, regulations and codes pertaining to athletic participation in general shall be uniform both in composition and administration throughout the grades 7-12 interscholastic athletic program. The athletic staff, athletic directors, secondary principals, and superintendent are responsible for the enforcement of rules, regulations and codes pertaining to athletics.

1. The athletic directors and secondary building principals are responsible to the superintendent for administering the eligibility regulations relating to interscholastic athletics as established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.
2. The athletic director and high school principal are responsible to recommend to the superintendent: conference/league affiliations; establishment of admission prices for all athletic contests; and adequate supervision and control of participants and spectators at athletic events.
3. All honors, trophies and awards given to athletes for their participation in the athletic program shall meet requirements established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.
4. All participants in approved school interscholastic activities must pass a yearly physical examination given by a licensed physician.
5. The board of education recommends parents/guardians obtain some type of hospitalization or athletic injury/accident insurance for students participating in interscholastic athletics. The cost of medical care incurred during participation in interscholastic athletic activities would be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. A student shall not be barred from participation in interscholastic athletic activities if the student is not covered by insurance; however, the parent shall be required to sign a waiver.
6. An athletic registration fee may be assessed as determined annually by the district's administration. Such fees will be outlined in the Parent-Athlete Handbook. A student shall not be barred from participation in interscholastic athletic activities because of inability to pay such a fee; parents may make confidential application for a fee waiver or fee payment alternative.

The rules, regulations and codes pertaining to athletic participation shall be contained in a Parent-Athlete Handbook approved by the board of education. Handbooks will be distributed to all students who try out to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at the beginning of each sports season. Changes in the handbook will be submitted to the board of education for approval.

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