

Interscholastic Athletics

The [School District] School Committee believes that students will benefit from the experiences in self-discipline and team effort made possible through participation in inter-school sports.

Participation in interscholastic athletics will be subject to approval by the School Committee and will be in accordance with regulations and recommendations of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

At the high school level, interscholastic athletic competition will include a variety of sports. Students will be allowed to participate in individual sports on the basis of their abilities and desire. Additionally, intramural athletic activities may be offered as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education.

The School Committee is aware that team participation in athletic contests by members of the student body requires that "away games" be scheduled. It also recognizes that there is a need to regulate certain aspects of student participation in such contests. Therefore, the Superintendent will establish regulations to ensure the safety and well being of students and staff members who participate in these activities.

No coach of a team designated for one sex shall be penalized by the District for forfeiting a match against an opposing team because such team includes athletes of the opposite sex.

No student athlete on a team designated for one sex shall be penalized by the District in any manner for refusing to play in a match, or any part thereof, against an opposing team because that team includes a member of the opposite sex. For the purposes of this paragraph, a "penalty" includes but is not limited to loss of playing time or loss of starting status.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:47; 71:54A

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CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination (and subcodes)