

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETICS

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# FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for community involvement.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this district or outside this district.
3. Authority SC 1601-C et seq Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR Sec. 106.41 Pol. 103, 103.1	It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with law and regulations.
SC 511	<p>Unless serving as a coach, assistant coach, or an approved volunteer coach, the Board prohibits any non Ferndale Area High School student from scrimmaging/practicing with a student involved in an interscholastic sport.</p> <p>The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in an interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by student accident insurance; be free of injury; and <b>undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician.</b></p> <p>The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.</p>

<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Complied with the requirements of the Athletic Handbook.</b></li><li>2. <b>Complied with the provision of Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities.</b></li><li>3. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.</li><li>4. <b>Complied with the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics and Board policies and administrative regulations related to student discipline. Additional penalties shall be prescribed for student athletes who violate the Code of Conduct.</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. First offense - One (1) week suspension from the team/activity.</li><li>b. Second offense - Dismissal from the team/activity.</li><li>c. Third offense - Will result in a one (1) year suspension from all extracurricular activities/interscholastic athletics and referral to the Student Assistance Team for counseling.</li></ol></li><li>5. <b>Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice for the hours required, as described in the Athletic Handbook and Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities. (Excused absences considered under the school's attendance policy and/or athletic handbook regulations.)</b></li><li>6. <b>Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.</b> Any student failing to return athletic equipment, uniforms or supplies assigned to him/her shall be assessed the full replacement cost of the delinquency other than equipment or uniforms that are damaged or destroyed due to ordinary wear-and-tear. The head coach of each sport shall report a list of delinquents to the high school principal no later than two (2) weeks following the last match or game of a sports season. The principal shall not process a student's grades, promotion or graduation until the delinquency is satisfied. The student cannot compete in another extra-curricular event until the delinquency is satisfied.</li><li>7. <b>Adhered to applicable discipline standards, including the school's discipline policy and provisions in the Athletic Handbook and Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities.</b></li></ol>
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<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323, 5333 Pol. 123.1, 123.2</p>	<p><b><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></b></p> <p><b>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.</b></li> <li>2. The student is a member of an <b>extracurricular</b> activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.</li> <li>3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school <b>or the school-sponsored activity.</b></li> <li>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, <b>for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.</b></li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> <li>6. There is <b>otherwise</b> a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</li> </ol> <p><b>Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.</b></li> <li><b>2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet.</b></li> <li><b>3. All required paperwork for each sport participating in.</b></li> </ol> <p>The Athletic Director shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics, which shall include a complete schedule of events.</p>
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<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p>	<p>The Principal/Athletic Director shall <b>disseminate</b> rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A. and the school district.</p> <p><b><u>Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report</u></b></p> <p><b>By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.</b></p> <p><b>By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the district’s website.</b></p> <p><b>The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, on any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.</b></p> <p><b>No student organization shall practice at a time or date or in excess of the time authorized and permitted by applicable regulatory authorities, including but not limited to the Board, the League in which the team participates, and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.</b></p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1601-C et seq.</p> <p><b>Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.</b></p> <p><b>Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.</b></p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4</p> <p><b>Discrimination in Athletics</b>, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Sec. 106.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 123.1, 123.2, 204, 218</p> <p>NOTE: The disclosure form for male/female athletic opportunities is not required to be submitted to the PA Department of Education until October 15, 2013 and annually thereafter.</p>
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