

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic athletics offer an area of high-level competition where students strive to excel among others of like ability. Students learn to "give and take" and to accept teammates and adversaries on the basis of equality and excellence of performance. Teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play are underscored. Students are guided in those fundamental values needed to cope with the challenges of life.

Students of high potential ability should be encouraged to try out for interscholastic sports. Student eligibility for participation on interscholastic teams shall include:

1. authorization by the school physician;
2. written parent or guardian consent;
3. endorsement by the building principal based on established rules and various league and State Education Department regulations;
4. district academic interscholastic athletics eligibility.

Program offerings are sufficiently broad to provide team membership for pupils of varying interests and abilities. The nature of the program and the need for concentration on high performance levels often requires selectivity, thus, group size in some cases is limited. Those not selected for varsity squads may find opportunities on junior varsity or intramural groups.

The Board of Education provides excess scheduled medical insurance for every squad member and the various practice and play equipment necessary. Each student is responsible for the care of this equipment and for its return. Students will be removed from the squad for any unnecessary abuse of equipment.

The athletes who represent the school district in interscholastic competition are expected to maintain acceptable standards of citizenship, behavior and academic achievement and are to place academic achievement over athletic activity.

Ref: Education Law §§414; 1502; 1604(7-b); 1708(3)(8-a); 1718(2); 2023; 3001-b; 4409  
8 NYCRR §135.4

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