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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The interscholastic athletics program of the district is an accepted and significant phase of modern education. It is to be administered in accordance with the best practices employed in a modern system of education.

The interscholastic athletics program is designed for, and should contribute to, the physical growth and development, good physical condition, healthful habits, efficient teamwork, proper standards of conduct, desirable citizenship and favorable social behavior of the participants.

The athletic program is only one of many school activities and therefore is under the same administration and control as the rest of the district program. The students taking part in the program are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner.

Athletic contests are to be the culmination of ethical and educationally sound instructional methods employed by the coaches and demonstrated by the team members.

The health and welfare of the participants is a primary consideration in conducting the program of athletics. Adequate physical examinations, insurance coverage and supervision of recovery time from illness or accident must be provided. Length of practice sessions, number of practices, number of games and strenuous trips should be carefully planned with due consideration of the age of the students and the physical, emotional and academic demands upon the participants.

Financing of the program of athletics will be in a manner outlined by the administration of the district. Head coaching assignments will be made by the building principals who will consult with the appropriate staff in the human resources department and other appropriate personnel. Differentials for coaching assignments will be approved by the Board.

The total program of athletics shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and the policies and regulations set forth by the Board and the administration of the district.

Girls may participate on teams designated for boys in any interscholastic activity if there is no girls' team with equal opportunity for participation.

The interscholastic athletic program will be evaluated annually to determine achievement of the objectives set forth in the Board policy concerning athletics.

Complete guidelines are available in the ***District Guidelines for Interscholastic Athletics Handbook***.

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FIRST-AID CERTIFICATION FOR COACHES

Employees who are assigned to a coaching responsibility must submit evidence of a valid, recognized first-aid card. First-aid cards which shall be recognized include: American Red Cross Multi-Media, CPR Lifeline, Department of Interior Bureau of Mines, Emergency Medical Technician, American Red Cross Convalescence Patient Aide and U. S. Department of Defense Medical Self-Help. Such certification must be valid at the beginning of a coaching assignment. If the certification expires during the coaching assignment, the employee must show evidence of the updating of such certification prior to beginning a new coaching assignment.

INTRAMURAL AND EXTRAMURAL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Intramural programs may be provided to give those students who do not take part in the interscholastic program the opportunity to participate in athletic activities so they too may derive the benefits of the athletic phase of physical education.

COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY

1. For competitive activity eligibility purposes, students must attend the school in the attendance area in which they reside or are located. Exceptions may be granted for the following reasons:
 - a. If a request has been approved for a student to continue enrollment in a school after his/her family has moved out of the school attendance area;
 - b. If the student transfers from another high school within the district prior to the first day of classes of the school year or during the summer months and has met the stipulations of the OSAA policy on transfers within a multiple school district (see Application for Student Transfer form);
 - c. If a request for transfer is granted in mid-year, the athletic eligibility may be obtained only through hardship appeal from OSAA;
 - d. If a student enrolls in a school with the intention of moving into the attendance area, his/her eligibility will be granted, provided the move is made within 45 days;
 - e. If the student attends an options program within the district that provides no athletic opportunity.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Students who participate on interscholastic athletic, dance and/or rally teams pay participation fees to partially defray expenses of the program. The following rules and procedures apply:

Notification

Information concerning participation fees is placed in the section of the student handbook publication which describes available student activities.

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Fee Structure

The participation fee structure for students and families shall be determined by August 1 each year:

1. An individual high school student (grades 9-12) pays \$125 for each activity;
2. All parents who pay a participation fee for athletics or activities are eligible to purchase a family pass to district athletic events. The discount amount will be 25 percent of the participation fee paid, or 25% of the student activity participation fee paid.

Payment

Payment schedules are established on specific dates across the district. The district administrator for K-12 school support establishes the dates in conjunction with the dates first practices are allowed. The business office establishes procedures for accounting for funds.

Scholarships

Schools are encouraged to offer scholarships to individual students unable to pay participation fees. There are no waivers and schools, through scholarship funds, account for participation fees of those students in financial need.

Refunds

Prorated refunds occur only at the request of the supervisor of the activity but no refund is made after one-half of the activity's time period has been completed. Full refund is made prior to the time of the first contest for which the fee was paid.

Fund Transfer

Participation fee funds are temporarily maintained in the individual school's student body account and, through procedures used for submitting other athletic receipts, turned in to the administration center quarterly – September 30, December 30, March 30 and June 30. Ten percent of the receipts are retained in the student body account for refund purposes. The account is closed out with the June 30 payment with all funds submitted to the administration center.