

Dallas School District 2

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Interscholastic Athletics

The Board recognizes the integral role interscholastic activities play in the character development and general enhancement of the education of its students. Accordingly, administrators, coaches, teachers, student participants and others associated with the district's high school activities programs and events shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the letter and spirit of policies, rules and regulations of the district and the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and the fundamental values of sportsmanship. Each will be held accountable for its actions.

The district will provide comparable interscholastic athletic competition for male and female students in a variety of sports.

Objectives of the Interscholastic Athletic Program are:

1. To provide safe and pleasurable experiences in athletics which have value now and in later life.
2. To provide a wide variety of athletic experiences in individual and team sports.
3. To provide an atmosphere conducive to good sportsmanship and citizenship.
4. To provide a program of intensive training for students who have exceptional skills and motivation with a view to developing young athletes to reach their full potential, and creating an environment for fellowship, sportsmanship, and competition.

Financing of Interscholastic Athletic Programs

1. The costs of the program may be included in the General Fund Budget.
2. Gate receipts from high school events and participation fees will be included as revenue in the General Fund Budget.
3. No admission will be charged for elementary or middle school events.
4. Participation fees may be required as outlined in Policy and Administrative Rule JN-AR.

Insurance Requirement

Participating students shall be required to have coverage under an accident insurance policy before participating in training, practice, or competition supervised by the school. Family accident insurance, if certified by the parent/legal guardian, or the accident insurance available through the school meet this requirement. Premiums for such insurance are the responsibility of the student.

Coaching

1. Coaches shall be selected by building principals for recommendation to the Superintendent.
2. Coaches shall be appointed on an annual basis.

3. The building principals shall make recommendations of the number of coaches needed for each program based on the number of students participating.
4. Coaches are expected to participate in any regularly scheduled planning meeting, inservice or workshop activities designed to coordinate programs or improve their coaching skills.
5. Building principals or designee shall be responsible for the evaluation of the effectiveness of all coaches under their supervision. Written reports of such evaluations will be made an attachment to the regular teacher evaluation, as appropriate. Written evaluation reports shall be submitted to the Superintendent for non-teaching coaches.
6. The building principal is responsible for ensuring accurate certification regarding the eligibility of students and for verifying that coaches have been certified through the National Federation of High School Coaches Certification program prior to assuming coaching duties.

Scheduling of Athletic Events

1. Principals shall have final responsibility for the scheduling of athletic events.
2. Loss of instructional time, distance, and arrival home times need to be considered in arranging schedules.
3. Night events shall not be held at the elementary or middle school levels.

Adding or Deleting Interscholastic Athletic Teams or Activities

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Board shall authorize the specific athletic programs which will be offered the students in the Dallas School District. No coach, teacher, or administrator shall, without prior School Board authorization, add or delete an athletic program on an interscholastic level.
2. Proposals for additional interscholastic athletic programs must be submitted to the School Board by its first meeting in January of the school year preceding the proposed implementation date. This will provide time for budgeting.

Title IX Considerations

1. Title IX requirement shall be considered in all interscholastic athletic programs.
2. Appropriate opportunities for all interested students will be attempted. However, programs generally considered inappropriate for male-female participation together will be maintained as male or female teams separately.

Implementation Procedures

1. The Superintendent or designee will develop procedures for implementing the interscholastic athletic programs of the District.
2. All such rules shall be consistent with School Board Policies, League By-laws, Rules of the Oregon School Activities, and the Oregon Revised Statutes or Administrative Rules.
3. The athletic director shall investigate all allegations of district student ineligibility, staff recruitment violations or other student or staff conduct that may violate Board policy, administrative regulations and/or OSAA rules and regulations. He/she shall notify the superintendent of conduct that violates the terms of this policy and report to OSAA as required.

4. District employees and activity volunteers are prohibited from making contact or otherwise causing contact to be made with a student for purposes of suggesting or encouraging the student and/or family to maintain or changes residency for activities eligibility or participation.
5. The building principal, activities director and coaches are each responsible for ensuring student participants meet all district and OSAA eligibility requirements.
6. Volunteers may be approved to assist with district activities with prior district office approval only.
7. Volunteers shall be subject to discipline up to removal from district programs and activities and such other sanctions as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.
8. An employee determined to have violated rules and regulations of OSAA will be subject to discipline, up to and including, dismissal.
9. A student in violations of OSAA rules and regulations will be subject to discipline, up to and including, dismissal from his/her interscholastic activity or program and expulsion from school.
10. Employees, volunteers or students in violation of OSAA rules and/or regulations will be required to remunerate the district in the even of fines assessed by OSAA as a result of their actions.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)

[ORS 332.075 \(e\)](#)

[ORS 339.430](#)

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1681-1683; 34 CFR Part 106 (2000).

OSAA Handbook, Oregon School Activities Association.

Montgomery v. Board of Education, 188 Or. App. 63 (2003).