

**Lake Oswego
School District 7J**

Code: **IGDJA**
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Orig. Code(s): 6800

Interscholastic Athletics

The district believes that a strong athletic program at the secondary level complements, reinforces and extends academic programs by offering unique opportunities for students to grow and develop intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and ethically. The district also believes that in addition to providing a constructive arena for exercising the competitive spirit, athletics fosters a sense of both school and community pride. Participants, school personnel, parents and the community at large all contribute to creating the conditions for the success of the athletic program.

The district considers participation in athletics to be a privilege offered to the individual athlete, who then becomes accountable for fulfilling the related responsibilities. Participation in competitive athletic endeavors is a valued life experience where both success and failure can make positive contributions to human growth in self-discipline, emotional maturity and self-respect. Athletics should stress fairness in human relationships, commitment to doing one's best, respect for others, and humility in victory and graciousness in defeat. In addition, athletics should contribute to the development of lifelong health habits in exercise and nutrition.

The opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports programs shall be available to all students. Comparable programs shall be available for men and women, funding shall be equitable, and facilities and equipment shall be substantially equal. Participants are entitled to skilled instruction, a safe competitive environment, respect as individuals and personal dignity.

While the district takes great pride in winning, it does not condone "winning at any cost" and discourages any and all pressures which compromise good sportsmanship and good mental health. At all times athletic programs shall be conducted in such a way as to justify their inclusion in the district's educational program.

The district is a member of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA). In all athletic matters, the Board will adhere to the policies, rules and regulations of that body and the State Board of Education. Operational procedures to implement the full intent of this policy shall be prepared and monitored by the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)
[ORS 332.075\(1\)\(e\)](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045 to -0049](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2006); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2006).
OR. SCH. ACTIVITIES ASS'N, OSAA HANDBOOK.