

Interscholastic Activities

The Board recognizes the integral role interscholastic activities play in the character development and general enhancement of the education of its students. Interscholastic activities shall be available on a voluntary basis. They will be considered a student privilege earned by meeting standards set forth by the Medford School District.

The district shall allow resident homeschooled students and resident students attending a public charter school to participate in available interscholastic activities in compliance with state law. Resident students attending private schools are not eligible to participate in Medford School District interscholastic activities.

The district will provide interscholastic activities for students in compliance with Medford School district policies and procedures, Oregon administrative rule and revised statutes, and Title IX.

The District will uphold any rules and regulations of voluntary associations related to interscholastic activities of which the district is a formal member. This includes, but is not limited to, the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA). Accordingly, administrators, coaches, student participants and others associated with the district's high school OSAA activities and events¹, shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the letter and spirit of policies, rules, and regulations of the district and of the OSAA.

The fundamental value of sportsmanship will be upheld in all activities. Coaches, parents, student participants will all be held accountable for actions not meeting this expectation.

The principal, activities director and coaches are each responsible for ensuring student participants meet all district and OSAA eligibility requirements. The principal is responsible for ensuring accurate certification regarding the eligibility of participating students and for verifying that coaches have been certified through the National Federation of High School Coaches Certification program prior to the first official day of the season or date requested by the District. The principal or designee shall evaluate the performance of all coaches and activities advisers employed by Medford School District under his/her supervision.

Volunteers may be approved to assist with district activities with prior approval from the principal or designee. In addition, volunteers must have completed the Volunteers in Medford Schools (VIMS) process and complete all required coaching certifications before assisting.

The principal shall investigate all allegations of district student ineligibility, staff recruitment violations or other student or staff conduct that may violate Board policies, administrative regulations and/or OSAA

¹This applies to only OSAA-sanctioned activities and events.

rules and regulations. The principal shall notify the superintendent or designee of conduct that violates the terms of this policy and report to the OSAA as required.

An employee determined to have violated rules and regulations of the OSAA may be subject to discipline, up to and including, dismissal. Volunteers shall be subject to discipline up to and including removal from district programs and activities and such other sanctions as may be deemed appropriate by the district.

A student in violation of the OSAA and Medford School District rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, up to and including, dismissal from his/her interscholastic activity or program, suspension and/or expulsion from school.

Employees, volunteers or students and/or parents/guardians in violation of OSAA rules and/or regulations may be required to remunerate the district in the event of fines assessed by OSAA as a result of their actions.

The superintendent will develop procedures, as necessary, to implement this policy, including a process to ensure that all district rules governing the conduct of students, staff and volunteers engaged in district activities are regularly reviewed and updated.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)

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

[ORS 339.450 to -339.460](#)

[OAR 581-015-2255](#)

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

[OAR 581-026-0005](#)

[OAR 581-026-0700](#)

[OAR 581-026-0705](#)

[OAR 581-026-0710](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2012); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2017).

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION, OSAA HANDBOOK.

Montgomery v. Bd. of Educ., 188 Or. App. 63 (2003).

Cross Reference(s):

IGB - Alternative Instructional Programs

JHCA - Physical Examinations of Students