

Middle School Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Interscholar sports shall be a natural outgrowth of a well-defined and well-balanced instructional and intramural program. They will provide additional opportunities for middle school students, regardless of skill or ability, to participate in physical activities.

Competitive athletics are to be selected on the basis of needs, interests and basic abilities of the students and are to be appropriate to their physical and emotional maturity. Interscholar athletics are an integral part of the educational program and shall be administered in the same manner as other areas of the curriculum.

The primary purpose of the interschool competition in grades five (5) through eight (8) is to furnish opportunities for further learning and participation in the North Marion middle school philosophy of education.

Participants will be encouraged to give their best efforts and strive to win within the spirit and rules of the game. The win-at-all-costs attitude will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship and playing for sheer fun will be stressed.

The regulations outlined in the booklet, "Athletics in Oregon K-12," are to be followed whenever possible. The following statements are to be part of this policy:

I. Administrative Section

- A. Team organization shall not be patterned after the high school varsity type.
 - 1. Squads shall not be cut. When possible, several teams rather than one (1) team should be organized in school competition.
 - 2. The aim is to play as many players as possible in a game.
 - 3. Events should be scheduled so as to allow as many players as possible to participate.
 - 4. Team members should be matched in ability and maturity and compete against comparable teams.
- B. Good sportsmanship shall be insisted upon at all times and under all conditions on the part of coaches and participants alike.
- C. Coaches shall be licensed teachers employed by the district. When regular licensed teachers are not available, the rules and policies of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall be followed.

- D. The local district shall control the sponsorship and administration of all aspects of the school athletic program.
- E. On away trips, participants must be supervised by their coach(es) from the time they leave until fifteen (15) minutes after posted return time.
- F. All participants who complete a sports season shall receive an award certificate.
- G. Adequate protective equipment shall be provided for all participants except for personal articles.
- H. Publicity released by the school should stress team performance, a description of the event and number of participants, with minimum emphasis on individual performances.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.630](#)
[ORS 326.051](#)
[ORS 329.025](#)
[ORS 329.035](#)
[ORS 329.095](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.067](#)
[ORS 336.082](#)
[ORS 336.086](#)
[ORS 336.222](#)
[ORS 336.227](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 342.123](#)
[ORS Chapter 659](#)
[ORS Chapter 659A](#)

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[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2006).
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2006).
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 793-794 (2006).
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).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).