

## 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, student participants and others associated with the district's high school activities programs and events<sup>1</sup> 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. Silverton High School 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.

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 change residency for activities eligibility or participation. The school principal, activities director and coaches are each responsible for ensuring student participants meet all district and OSAA eligibility requirements. The school principal, or designee, 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. The school principal shall ensure that a program is in place to effectively evaluate the performance of all coaches and activities advisors under his/her supervision.

Volunteers may be approved to assist with district activities with school principal approval only.

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

An employee determined to have violated rules and regulations of OSAA will be subject to discipline, up to and including, dismissal. A student in violation 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. 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.

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

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<sup>1</sup>This only applies to OSAA sanctioned activities and events.

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, as necessary.

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures to guide participation in athletic and other extra curricular activities for middle and elementary school students. These procedures shall include the role of grades in determining an individual student's eligibility to participate in athletic and other extracurricular activities.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 326.051](#)

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

[ORS 339.450 to -339.460](#)

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[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 (2017); 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).