

POLICY

2015

Students

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic athletics for boys and girls is an integral and desirable part of the district's secondary school educational program. Individual and team sports shall be based upon comprehensive physical education instruction and intramural activities, seeking broad participation from all eligible secondary students. Lifetime or carry-over sports are to be particularly encouraged and supported. Parity in the number and kind of sports activities for girls and boys is a clear objective of the district.

Student eligibility for participation on interscholastic teams shall include:

1. Authorization by the school physician;
2. Written parent or guardian consent; and
3. Endorsement by the Building Principal based on established rules and various league and State Education Department regulations.

Athletic Placement Process (formerly Selection/Classification)

The Board of Education permits students in grades 7 and 8 to play on any senior high school team provided such students are placed at levels of competition appropriate to their physical and emotional maturity, physical fitness, and ability and skills in that sport in relationship to other students on those teams after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process for the requested sport and level, in accordance with standards established by the Commissioner.

Course Credit

In accordance with existing Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, The Board of Education will permit students in grades 10-12 to receive credit towards high school graduation equivalent to physical education for participation in interscholastic athletics. Such credit will, in addition to other requirements, be contingent upon proven cardiovascular and physical fitness and competency in lifetime or carry-over sports. Standards for such fitness and competency shall be developed by the administration.

**Cross-Ref: 5420, Student Health Services
5422, Concussion Management**

Ref: Education Law §§1709 (8-a); 3001-b
8 NYCRR §135.4

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