

Instruction

Board Policy No. 6145.2

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ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The district's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

Any complaint alleging discrimination in the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

California Interscholastic Federation

Any district school that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall conduct its athletic activities in accordance with CIF bylaws and rules and any applicable district policy and regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

The Board shall annually designate a representative to the local CIF league from each school that participates in CIF sports. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

The designated representative(s) shall vote on issues that impact interscholastic athletics at the league and

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section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and report regularly to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues related to athletic programs.

Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for student participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.

Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship and the Code of Ethics adopted by CIF.

Students and staff shall be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations. (Education Code 35179.4)

In the event of a serious injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other district employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

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Whenever a serious injury or illness is suffered by a student athlete, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury or illness suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State Code,

5 CCR 4900-4965, Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance

5 CCR 4920-4922, Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities

5 CCR 5531, Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

5 CCR 5590-5596, Duties of temporary athletic team coaches

Ed. Code 17578, Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

Ed. Code 17580-17581, Football equipment

Ed. Code 200-262.4, Prohibition of discrimination

Ed. Code 32220-32224, Insurance for athletic teams

Ed. Code 32221.5, Insurance for athletic team members

Ed. Code 33353-33353.5, California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

Ed. Code 33354, California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

Ed. Code 33479-33479.9, The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

Ed. Code 35160.5, Intradistrict open enrollment

Ed. Code 35179, Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia

Ed. Code 35179.1, California High School Coaching Education and Training Program

Ed. Code 35179.4, Emergency action plan

Ed. Code 35179.5, Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices

Ed. Code 35179.6, School-sponsored on-campus event in or around swimming pool

Ed. Code 48850, Academic achievement of students in foster care and homeless children

Ed. Code 48900, Grounds for suspension or expulsion

Ed. Code 48930-48938, Student organizations

Ed. Code 49010-49013, Student fees

Ed. Code 49020-49023, Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity

Ed. Code 49030-49034, Performance enhancing substances

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Ed. Code 49458, Health examinations; interscholastic athletic program

Ed. Code 49475, Health and safety; concussions and head injuries

Ed. Code 49700-49701, Education of children of military families

Ed. Code 51242, Exemption from physical education for athletic program participants

H&S Code 1797.196, Automated external defibrillators; notification of use and locations

Pen. Code 245.6, Hazing

Federal Code,

20 USC 1681-1688, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex

34 CFR 106.31, Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities

34 CFR 106.33, Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex; comparable facilities

34 CFR 106.41, Nondiscrimination in athletic programs

Management Resources,

California Department of Education Publication, Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, April 24, 2013

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, Keep Their Heart in the Game: A Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet for Athletes and Parents/Guardians

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, Event Emergency Guidelines, 2013

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, Athletic Department Emergency Action Plan: Response Teams

California Interscholastic Federation Publication, A Guide to Equity in Athletics

Centers for Disease Control&Prevention Publication, Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan, 2006

Centers for Disease Control&Prevention Publication, Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports, Tool Kit, June 2010

Centers for Disease Control&Prevention Publication, Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports, Tool Kit, July 2007

Court Decision, Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Court Decision, Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal. 4th 990

Court Decision, Mansourian v. Regents of University of California, (2010) 602 F. 3d 957

Court Decision, McCormick v. School District of Mamaroneck, (2004) 370 F.3d 275

CSBA Publication, Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination, March 2017

National Federation of StateHighSchool Association, Emergency Action Planning Guide for After-School Practices and Events

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U.S. DOE Office for Civil Rights Publication, Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test - Part Three, Dear Colleague Letter, April 20, 2010

Website, CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website, California Interscholastic Federation

Website, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources

Website, National Federation of State High School Associations

Website, National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment

Website, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

Website, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

Website, California Department of Education

Website, CSBA

Cross References,

0410, Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities

0470, COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

0500, Accountability

1113, District And School Websites

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1113-E(1), District And School Websites

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1260, Educational Foundation

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