

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS

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| <p>123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS</p> | |
| <p>1. Purpose</p> | <p>The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for community involvement. The program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and stimulates community interest. The game activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to teach the values of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.</p> |
| <p>2. Definition</p> | <p>For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this district or outside this district.</p> |
| <p>3. Authority SC 1601-C et seq Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR Sec. 106.41 Pol. 103</p> | <p>It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with law and regulations.</p> |
| <p>SC 511</p> | <p>The Board shall approve a program of interscholastic athletics and require that all facilities utilized in that program, whether or not the property of this Board, properly safeguard both players and spectators and are kept free from hazardous conditions.</p> <p>The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in the interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by Student Accident Insurance or its equivalent, be free of injury, and undergo a physical examination by a licensed physician. In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants must be in attendance at school for the full day on the day of an event in order to participate. A student will be considered as having been in attendance for a full day if the student has written preapproval (parent/guardian |

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| | <p>to principal) to attend a school-sponsored field trip, competition, interview for college, service, occupation admission, death in the immediate family, approved dental/doctor appointment, or other legally approved absence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Accumulated tardiness, unexcused or unlawful absence on the day of an interscholastic athletic event will make the student ineligible to participate.3. Students who have been assigned out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to participate before 12:00 midnight during the time frame of the disciplinary action.4. The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, a student must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full-time curriculum. Where required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by, and conform to the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the local school Board. The student must be passing the required academic credit subjects as per the student handbook. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period, and shall be reported on a weekly basis. In cases where a student's cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period does not, as of any Friday, meet the standards provided for in this section, s/he shall be ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which his/her cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period meets the standards provided for in this section. Where a school is closed on a Friday for any reason, the principal may, at his/her election, determine whether the student as of that day meets the standards provided for in this section.b. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student must have passed the required full-credit subjects as per the student handbook, or the equivalent during the previous grading period, except as provided in Section E below. Back work may be made up, providing it is in accordance with the regular rules of the school.c. In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards provided for in Section B, said student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for twenty (20) school days of the next grading period, beginning on the first day report cards are issued, except as provided in Section E. |
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| <p>Pol. 218</p> | <p>d. Students who are enrolled for the first time, must comply with the requirements of the curriculum rules. The standing required for the preceding week, the preceding grading period or the preceding year shall be obtained from the records of the last school which the pupil has attended.</p> <p>e. Use of Final Credits at End of School Year-</p> <p>At the end of the school year, the student’s final credits in his/her subjects rather than his/her credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine his/her eligibility for the next grading period. (A student whose work does not meet the standards provided for in Article IX, who attends summer school and corrects his/her deficiencies, shall be eligible.)</p> <p>To determine the eligibility of students, the Athletic Director or designee shall submit each week a list containing all the names proposed for the eligibility certificate to all teachers to whom these students recite and direct them to indicate on the list all students who have a passing or failing grade in the subject(s) they teach from the beginning of the marking period until the close of school on Friday. After tabulations, the Athletic Director or designee shall inform the ineligible student(s), and provide a list to the advisor/coach and principal.</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities via school district provided transportation and may apply if not using district transportation as determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the particular circumstances, including, but not limited to the proximity in time and geographic distance to the school-sponsored event. 2. The student is a member of interscholastic athletics and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. |
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| <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323, 5333 Pol. 123.1, 123.2</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC 1603-C</p> <p>SC1603-C</p> | <p>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</p> <p>Each school year, prior to participation in an interscholastic athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet. 2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet. <p>The Athletic Director shall prepare and disseminate rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A. and the school district.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment.</p> <p>The Athletic Director shall ensure that interscholastic athletics are open to all eligible students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.</p> <p><u>Male/Female Athletic Opportunities Report</u></p> <p>By October 15 of each year, on the designated disclosure form, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the PA Department of Education the interscholastic athletic opportunities and treatment for male and female secondary school students for the preceding school year.</p> <p>By November 1 of each year, the completed disclosure form shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours and posted on the district's website.</p> <p>The availability of the completed disclosure form shall be announced by posting a notice on school bulletin board, in the school newspaper, or any electronic mailing list or list serve, and by any other reasonable means.</p> |
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Timeline For Selling Tickets

It is the policy of the district to sell tickets at all sporting events until the end of the half-time of the varsity game.

Family Passes For Athletic Events

A **family** will be defined as immediate family member (husband, wife, school aged children) living under the same roof.

A list of family passes will be posted with the ticket taker.

Student And Adult Tickets For Athletic Events

Children not yet in school will be admitted free.

Students will be defined as those attending elementary or high school.

Free Admission

Visiting school administration and bus driver.

Members of the press corps with proper identification.

P.I.A.A. Rules Meetings

Each coach must attend at least one (1) P.I.A.A. rules meeting each year in order to avoid the payment of penalty required by P.I.A.A. in the event that the coach does not attend.

Practices

There will be no practices on Sundays or legal holidays except before Monday playoffs.

Students are reminded that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege not a right.

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1601-C et seq.

Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5331 et seq.

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4

Discrimination in Athletics, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR
Sec. 106.41

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 123.1, 123.2, 204, 218