

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS

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123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose SC 511	<p>The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all students of the district and to the community.</p> <p>The program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and stimulates community interest.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events or sport exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district when such events occur between separate schools within this district or with any schools outside this district.</p>
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR Sec. 106.41 Pol. 103	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interschool athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with the law and regulations.</p>
SC 511	<p>The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall 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 be covered by the maximum Student Accident Insurance available, or its equivalent, be in good physical condition, be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness, as determined by the district physician, before participating in any interscholastic athletic event.</p>
Pol. 211	<p>The cost of insurance for all interscholastic athletics shall be covered by the Board.</p>

<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this district.</p> <p>The Board further directs that no student may participate in the program of interscholastic athletics who has not maintained a record of academic proficiency, attended school regularly, and returned all school athletic equipment.</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:</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.2. The student is a member of an extracurricular/co-curricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activity.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.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.5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. <p>The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics, which shall include a complete schedule of events and shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with the rules of the State Board of Education and the P.I.A.A.</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The Superintendent 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>Coach Positions</u></p> <p>Coaches must reapply for coaching positions within thirty (30) days of the close of the season. Applications should be submitted to the Superintendent who will acknowledge the application and forward it to the Chairperson of the Extracurricular Committee and Personnel Committee.</p> <p>Within a period of sixty (60) days of the close of the season, coaches will either be reelected or the positions will be declared open by the Board. Written notification of the action taken will follow.</p> <p>In the letter of application, head coaches will make recommendations regarding assistant coaches for the ensuing season.</p> <p><u>Extracurricular Positions</u></p> <p>Applications for extracurricular positions (other than coaches) should be submitted to the Superintendent on or before May 1 of the current school year for positions in the ensuing year and will be reviewed by the appropriate committee.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Sec. 106.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 211, 218</p>
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