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Purpose

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) 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.

Definition

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.

Authority

It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on an equal basis and in accordance with state and federal regulations.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

The administration, at the direction of 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 appropriate 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.

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (P.I.A.A.), and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this substance-free District.[\[4\]](#)

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, or returned all District property and made restitution for any applicable fines or fees.[\[4\]](#)

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.

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[1. 24 P.S. 1601-C et seq](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 4.27](#)

[3. 34 CFR 106.41](#)

[4. 24 P.S. 511](#)

[22 PA Code 12.1](#)

[22 PA Code 12.4](#)