

Marion County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Interscholastic Athletics	Descriptor Code: 4.301	Issued Date: 05/20/03
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1 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated
2 differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of the
3 school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes.¹
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5 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be the
6 principal's responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport
7 are reasonable. Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal or his/her
8 designee must accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved
9 by the Board, provided the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage.
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11 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control
12 of secondary athletics.²
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14 There shall be a complete annual physical examination of every student prior to his/her participation in
15 interscholastic athletics.³ Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student.
16 These records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or
17 guardian to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic
18 athletics.
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20 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any
21 group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football, basketball or
22 any similar game within the regular school hours of any school day of the week without written permission
23 from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the daily school
24 program.⁴
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26 Students shall not be disqualified from participation on a school athletic team solely on the basis of
27 participation in another sport except where the season overlaps by more than two weeks.
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29 Seniors who move out of their school area but who wish to continue attendance in the original school may
30 continue to participate in athletics. The Board specifically forbids the recruitment of students in any
31 fashion.
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33 Participation in interscholastic athletics or marching band shall not be substituted for the lifetime wellness
34 graduation requirement.⁵
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36 Coaches and other employees of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone or tolerate
37 hazing activities as part of the athletic program.⁶
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39 Legal References:
40 1. Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972,
41 20 U.S.C. §1681, et seq. ; 34 CFR §106.41
42 2. TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.08(1)
43 3. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)
44 4. TCA 49-6-1002
5. TRR/MS 0520--1-3-.05(6)(e)(2)(ii)
6. TCA 49-2-120

Cross Reference:
Student Insurance Program 3.601