

Hancock County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Interscholastic Athletics</h2>	Descriptor Code: <h3 style="text-align: center;">4.301</h3>	Issued Date: <h3 style="text-align: center;">06/04/15</h3>
		Rescinds:	Issued:

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 school.
 3 Equal athletic opportunities shall be provided for members of both sexes.¹

4 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be the principal's
 5 responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport are reasonable.
 6 Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal or his/ her designee must
 7 accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board,
 8 provided the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage.

9 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control of
 10 athletics.²

11 In the event that the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to an athlete, that athlete must provide
 12 proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage and liability coverage, with the school system as a named
 13 insured, of not less than the limits set forth in TCA § 29-20-403.

14 Prior to participation in interscholastic athletics, every student must complete an annual physical examination.³
 15 The parents/guardians of each student shall be responsible for covering the cost of the examination, and these
 16 records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian to
 17 provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic athletics.

18 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any group of
 19 students for the purpose of attending the practice of any interscholastic sport during the school day without
 20 written permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the
 21 daily school program.⁴

22 Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone or tolerate
 23 hazing activities.⁵
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Legal References

1. Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972,
20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. ; 34 CFR § 106.41
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.08(1)
3. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)
4. TCA 49-6-1002
5. TCA 49-2-120