

# Greeneville City Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in November</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Interscholastic Athletics</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>4.301</b>	Issued Date: <b>07/23/13</b>
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1 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be  
2 treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of  
3 the school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes.<sup>1</sup>  
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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/  
8 her designee must accompany an athletic team on trips.  
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10 School athletics shall be coached only by regularly employed personnel, or according to Tennessee  
11 Secondary Schools Athletic Association guidelines.<sup>2</sup>  
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13 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control  
14 of athletics.<sup>2</sup>  
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16 There shall be a complete annual physical examination of every student prior to his/her participation  
17 in interscholastic athletics.<sup>3</sup> Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the  
18 student. These records shall be on file in the principal's office.  
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20 It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian to provide health and hospitalization insurance  
21 for all students participating in interscholastic athletics.  
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23 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his school or any  
24 group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football, basketball  
25 or any similar game within the regular school hours of any school day of the week without written  
26 permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in  
27 the daily school program.<sup>4</sup>  
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29 Each school which has a physical training program, will have it planned and supervised by an employee  
30 of the school system.  
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32 Students shall not be disqualified from participation on a school athletic team solely on the basis of par-  
33 ticipation in another sport except where the season overlaps by more than two weeks. Principals shall  
34 ensure that practices are confined to established TSSAA seasons and that school regulations regarding  
35 participation in a sport are reasonable.  
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37 Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes, including equal provision for  
38 equipment, supplies, coaching facilities, services, and publicity, provided adequate funds are available.  
39 However, separate teams may be established:  
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1. When the sport involved is a contact sport; or
2. When selection for the teams is based upon competitive skill, provided that no team for the excluded sex currently exists or has ever existed, members of the excluded sex must be allowed to try out for the team unless the sport involved is a contact sport.

The Board specifically forbids the recruitment of students in any fashion.

The schedules for all major sports must be approved by the principal, and copies of the schedule submitted to the director of schools. The head coach shall be responsible for ensuring that no obligation is made that his/her team may be unable to fulfill. If changes in the schedule are necessary after the season has begun, these changes must be approved by the principal.

Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board, provided the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage. All athletes shall travel with their team to and from games or scrimmages unless prior approval is obtained from the coach.

No member of the coaching staff shall give permission for the use of school facilities by students unless he/she will be present and the principal has been given prior notice.

The middle school and senior high school principals shall ensure that proper law enforcement personnel will be present at all interscholastic football and basketball games.

Participation in interscholastic athletics or marching band shall not be substituted for the lifetime wellness graduation requirement.<sup>5</sup>

Coaches, employees and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone or tolerate hazing activities.

Legal References:

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

Cross Reference:

Student Insurance Program 3.601