

Rhea County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Interscholastic Athletics	Descriptor Code: 4.301	Issued Date: 12/14/17
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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 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
5 principal's responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport
6 are reasonable. Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal or his/
7 her designee must accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is
8 approved by the board, provided the team's school reimburses the board for mileage.
- 9 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association and TMSAA shall regulate the
10 operation and control of athletics.²
- 11 In the event that the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to an athlete, that athlete must
12 provide proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage and liability coverage, with the school
13 system as a named 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
15 examination.³ The parents/guardians of each student shall be responsible for covering the cost of the
16 examination, and these records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of
17 the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating
18 in interscholastic athletics.
- 19 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the board shall dismiss his/her school or any
20 group of students for the purpose of attending the practice, or play, of any interscholastic sport during
21 the school day without written permission from the board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular
22 physical training lessons in the daily school program.⁴
- 23 Students may not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a
24 school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious
25 holiday (as identified in board policy). The student's parent or legal guardian shall notify the coach in
26 writing three (3) full school days prior to the event.⁵
- 27 Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone, or
28 tolerate hazing activities.⁶

Legal References

1. 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. Public Acts of 2017, Chapter No. 260
6. TCA 49-2-120

Cross References

Student Insurance Program 3.601
Recognition of Religious Beliefs, Customs, & Holidays
4.803
Vacations and Holidays
Attendance 6.200