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<th>1. Purpose</th>
<th>The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the district and to the community. The program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and stimulates community interest. The game activities and practice sessions provide many opportunities to teach the values of competition and sportsmanship.</th>
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<td>SC 511</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>2. Definition</td>
<td>It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and in accordance with State regulations.</td>
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<td>Title 22</td>
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<td>Sec. 4.27</td>
<td>The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall require that all facilities utilized in that program whether or not the property of this Board properly safeguard both players and spectators and are kept free from hazardous conditions. 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 maximum 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.</td>
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<td>Pol. 103</td>
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Students may not participate in any other extracurricular activity if they have outstanding obligations for a previous activity (equipment, etc.).

Students may not participate in a sport (practice or play) until they have submitted a P.I.A.A. eligibility card.

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this district.

The Board further directs that the following Code of Conduct be followed. The Code of Conduct for all Middle School and High School students is as follows:

1. Any student guilty of the following infraction(s) while attending or participating in school-sponsored curricular or extracurricular activities conducted on or off school premises shall be ineligible to seek election or serve as a class officer or member of student government, participate in interscholastic athletics or participate in student activities for a period of one calendar year:

   b. Possession, use, and/or under the influence of alcohol.
   c. Stealing or vandalism requiring severe disciplinary action.
   d. Violation of the Weapons Policy (Policy #218.1).
   e. Violation of the Sexual Harassment Policy (Policy #248).
   f. Violation of the Terroristic Threats/Acts Policy (Policy #218.2).
   g. Violation of the Hazing Policy (Policy #247).

2. Any student who is subject to a school suspension for a second time or has twenty (20) or more demerits during the school year will be ineligible to seek election or serve as a class officer or member of student government, participate in interscholastic athletics, or participate in student activities for the remainder of that school year. This includes all school activities during the day and evening.
3. Right of Appeal – A parent or guardian may have one appeal for probationary reinstatement after a period of not less than forty-five (45) school days. Reinstatement to any activity would not occur after the initial date for that activity in the school year.

a. The Appeal Board shall consist of seven (7) members. Members of the Appeal Board shall consist of:

3 Members of the Professional Staff  
1 Building Administrator  
1 Guidance Counselor  
2 Board Members

b. The Appeal Board must convene within ten (10) school days after receiving the request for appeal.

c. The Appeal Board shall give consideration to at least the following:

1) Grades.
2) Demerits.
3) Attendance.
4) A Counseling Plan.
5) Letters of recommendation from any or all of the following:
   a) Staff Members.
   b) Parents/Guardians.
   c) Clergy.
   d) Employers.
   e) Community Organizational Leaders.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration, a program of interscholastic athletics which shall include a complete schedule of events and shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur.
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.

**Procedures for Honoring League Champions**

1. Award of a jacket or sweatshirt or other items deemed appropriate, according to budgetary guidelines by the Director of Athletics, will be made to individual league, district, regional and state champions and/or league, district, regional and state team champions. All members from the championship team will be recognized at the discretion of the principal and Director of Athletics.

2. Award of a plaque shall be made to each first time letter winner. This will be followed by a plate for the plaque for each additional letter and/or special achievement.

3. The district expenditure per award shall be based on reasonable and customary costs with the Board having final approval.

**RELATED POLICIES**

218.1 – Weapons
218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts
227 – Drug Abuse
247 – Hazing
248 – Sexual Harassment