

## INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

### Policy

It is the policy of the board to provide an interscholastic athletic program for boys and girls to complement and supplement their educational programs. All school sponsored activities will be under the ultimate control of the school district and will comply with all policies and procedures of the school.

### Implementation

Athletic programs should meet the following criteria:

1. Programs should provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. Programs should provide athletic facilities and opportunities for participation on an equal basis for girls and boys.
3. Programs should employ qualified personnel in coaching and supervision positions.
4. Programs should stress the educational as well as recreational benefits derived from participation in interscholastic sports.
5. Programs should conform fully with the rules and regulations of the Vermont Principals' Association.

The board will make determinations related to individual activities to be included in the athletic program of the district based on the following considerations:

1. The level of student interest in participating in an activity;
2. The level of community interest in an activity'
3. The impact of adding or eliminating an activity on the balance of opportunities for girls and boys to participate in the total athletic program;
4. The potential of the activity to remain competitive with other participating schools; and
5. The availability of qualified personnel to coach and supervise the activity.

The following criteria for eligibility for participation in interscholastic sports are intended to set standards for academic eligibility:

1. Students should have good academic standing as determined by the Principal.
2. Students should be in good disciplinary standing as determined by the Principal.
3. Students should be in regular attendance and should be in attendance on the day of the event unless excused by the principal.
4. Students will also meet the criteria set forth in the guidelines of the Vermont Principals' Association.

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