

Sequoia Union HSD | BP 6145.2 Instruction

Athletic Competition

The Board of Trustees recognizes the athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being of participating students, and provides them with an opportunity to learn beneficial character development skills.

The athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The District's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices in accordance with state and federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities are provided for both genders.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Any complaint regarding the District's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Participation in the district interscholastic program is limited to those students who meet the District's eligibility requirements.

Sportsmanship

The Board supports the ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play, and expects student athletes, coaches, spectators, and others to demonstrate these principles during all athletic competitions.

In preparing for and participating in athletic competitions, students and staff shall abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship, as adopted by

the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) in its publication "Pursuing Victory with Honor."

Students and staff may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting interscholastic activities. Supervising adults will review the importance of healthy nutrition to peak performance and overall health and ensure frequent access to potable water to prevent dehydration. Universal precautions shall be observed when injuries occur and when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards and other articles containing body fluids.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches. Officiating of athletic events shall be by qualified licensed personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

Special care shall be taken to ensure that all interscholastic training and competition is conducted in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. Students shall have a medical examination before participating in the interscholastic program. Protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic

equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition.

Open Participation

The Board recognizes that participation in athletic competition promotes a positive school climate. The Board encourages all students to try out for athletic teams. Coaches shall accept as many students as possible on their teams. Expanded team membership may include students who work out with the team but do not participate in competitions.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

Eligibility requirements for participation in the District's interscholastic athletic program are the same as those set by the District for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in CIF league athletics satisfy any additional CIF eligibility requirements.

Supervision

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, training and preparation for competition. All programs shall be presented in a manner that does not stigmatize or disparage body size or appearance. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

California Interscholastic Federation

The Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic athletic activities be conducted according to CIF rules, regulations and policies, except as the Board may direct otherwise.

All entering freshmen in the District will participate in athletics during the first quarter without the grade point average requirement. Continued athletic eligibility will be determined by the end of the first quarter grading period. After the end of the first quarter grading period all students will be required to have a 2.0 grade point average in order to qualify for athletic eligibility.

The Board recognizes the importance of selecting CIF representatives who best reflect the needs and concerns of the District. In selecting these representatives, the Board shall consider all qualified parents/guardians, district employees, and other members of the community.

CIF representatives shall report periodically to the Board to ensure that the goals and aims of the District are accurately represented.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

270-271 Athletes' Bill of Rights

17580-17581 Football equipment

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

33354 CDE authority over interscholastic athletics

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35161 Powers and duties generally

35179 Interscholastic athletics

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48930-48938 Student organizations

49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity

49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances

60850-60859 High school exit examination

PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.31-106.42 Discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities prohibited

COURT DECISIONS

Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2004) 31 Cal.4th 990t

Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

A School Board Member's Guide to CIF and Interscholastic Sports, 1997

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

A Guide to Equity (Equity Handbook)

Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws, 1996-97

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Equal Opportunity and Access: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/eo>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

National Federation of State High School Associations: <http://www.nfhs.org>

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: <http://www.nocsae.org>

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