

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS

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123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all students of the district and to the community.
2. Definition	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.
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.27 Pol. 103	It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interschool athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and in accordance with state regulations.
SC 511	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>Pol. 122</p>	<p>The Board further directs that no student may participate in the program of interscholastic athletics who has not maintained a record of academic proficiency and attended school regularly. A student must be present in school, unless excused by a doctor, by 10:00 a.m. in order to be a participant in any school-related event on that day (excepting practice).</p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student’s attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 2. The student is a member of an extra-curricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Scheduling Of Contests</u></p> <p><i>School Closing -</i></p> <p>Whenever the school district is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, all home school events, i.e., extra-curricular activities and interscholastic contests, shall be postponed.</p> <p>If either school involved in a game is not in session due to inclement weather, a scheduled game is automatically postponed, unless both schools mutually agree to play the game as scheduled. This does not include district or state playoff games because they are under P.I.A.A. control for scheduling purposes.</p> <p>All other school events may be scheduled for the next earliest feasible date.</p> <p>Community use of school district buildings shall be cancelled for the day or days that schools are closed due to emergency or inclement weather conditions.</p> <p>Early dismissal of students on a district level due to emergency or inclement weather conditions shall constitute the same "conditions" that apply to school closings. All school events, extra-curricular activities, interscholastic contests, practices, etc., shall be postponed.</p> <p><i>Sunday Sport Activities -</i></p> <p>Interscholastic athletic contests which are under the jurisdiction and control of the school district shall not be scheduled on Sundays, except in extreme circumstances to be determined by the Superintendent. Additionally, practices for district interscholastic sports shall not be scheduled on Sundays except when teams are involved in P.I.A.A. post-season play and such practices are approved by Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 218</p>
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