

## Instruction

### ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's 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 and character development of participating students. –The district's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)  
 (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)  
 (cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)  
 (cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)  
 (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

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

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)  
 (cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)  
 (cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)  
 (cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)  
 (cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

### Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname.— The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)  
 (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)  
 (cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Any complaint alleging discrimination in regarding the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

California Interscholastic Federation

~~Any district school that participates~~~~The Board maintains membership~~ in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) ~~shall conduct its~~~~and requires that interscholastic~~ athletic activities ~~be conducted~~ in accordance with ~~Board policy, administrative regulations, and~~ CIF bylaws and rules ~~and any applicable district policy and regulation.~~— The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

~~The~~ ~~Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the~~ Board shall annually designate ~~an employee from each high school to serve as~~ a representative to the local CIF league ~~from each school that participates.~~—~~Appointees shall represent the district in performing all duties required by the~~ CIF sports. The Superintendent or designee shall ~~recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an~~ league. ~~In making this selection, the Board shall consider the employee's~~ understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic ~~and extracurricular~~ activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and ~~individual~~ interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

The ~~designated representative(s)~~~~Superintendent or designee~~ shall ~~vote on issues~~~~ensure~~ that impact interscholastic athletics at the league and section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and ~~district representatives to CIF~~ report regularly to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues, ~~as well as activities and prospective actions~~ related to athletic programs.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

#### Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for ~~student~~ participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement ~~and residency~~, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(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)

(cf. ~~6173 - Education for Homeless Children~~ ~~6162.52 - High School Exit Examination~~)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, ~~including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.~~

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

#### Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. ~~They shall also abide by the core~~

principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship and the ~~Code~~ ~~Codes~~ of ~~Ethics~~ ~~Conduct~~ adopted by CIF.

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

- (cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
- (cf. 4118 - ~~Dismissal~~/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
- (cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)
- (cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
- (cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
- (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

#### Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. ~~Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.~~

- (cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
- (cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
- (cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)
- ~~(cf. 5143 - Insurance)~~

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

- (cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations. (Education Code 35179.4)

In the event of a serious ~~that an~~ injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health during or immediately after an athletic activity ~~occurs~~, the coach or any other ~~appropriate~~ district employee who is present ~~shall observe universal precautions and~~ shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

- (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. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Whenever a serious injury or illness is suffered by a student athlete, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury or illness suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

~~270-271 Athletes' Bill of Rights~~

17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

17580-17581 Football equipment

*32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams, especially:*

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

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

33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

*33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act*

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35179 Interscholastic athletics

*35179.1 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program*

*35179.4 Emergency action plan*

*35179.5 Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices*

*35179.6 Automated external defibrillator, athletic activities*

48850 Interscholastic athletics; students in foster care *and homeless students*

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48930-48938 Student organizations

*49010-49013 Student fees*

49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity

49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances

49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program

49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries

49700-49701 Education of children of military families

51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

*1797.196\_\_Automated external defibrillator*

#### PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs, especially:  
4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities  
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 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities  
106.33 Comparable facilities  
106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs

## COURT DECISIONS

Mansourian v. Regents of University of California, (2010) [602594 F. 3d 9574095](#)

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

McCormick v. School District of Mamaroneck, (2004) 370 F.3d 275

[Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, \(2003\) 31 Cal. 4th 990](#)

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

## Management Resources:

### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

[Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination, March 2017](#)

### [CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS](#)

[Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, April 24, 2013](#)

[Student Fees Litigation Update, Education Legal Alliance Advisory, May 20, 2011](#)

[A School Board Member's Guide to CIF and Interscholastic Sports, 1997](#)

### CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

[Athletic Department Emergency Action Plan: Response Teams](#)

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws

A Guide to Equity in Athletics

[Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation](#)

[Keep Their Heart in the Game: A Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet for Athletes and Parents/Guardians](#)

[Event Emergency Guidelines, 2013](#)

~~[Acute Concussion Evaluation \(ACE\) Care Plan, 2006](#)~~

Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999

### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports, Tool Kit, June 2010

Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports, Tool Kit, July 2007

Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan, 2006

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS PUBLICATIONS

Emergency Action Planning Guide for After-School Practices and Events

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Withdrawal of Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students, Dear Colleague Letter, February 22, 2017

Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test - Part Three, Dear Colleague ~~Letter~~letter, April 20, 2010

#### WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>

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

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

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency: <http://www.usada.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

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