

**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

Interscholastic athletics for boys and girls is an integral and desirable part of the District's secondary school education program. Individual and team sports shall be based upon comprehensive physical education instruction and intramural activities, seeking broad participation from all eligible secondary students. Lifetime or carry-over sports are to be particularly encouraged and supported. Parity in the number and kind of sports activities for girls and boys is a clear objective of the District.

Student eligibility for participation on interscholastic teams shall include:

1. authorization by the school physician;
2. written parent or guardian consent; and
3. endorsement by the Building Principal based on established rules and various league and State Education Department regulations.

Although the District will take reasonable care to protect student athletes, students may still sustain injuries. In order to most effectively ensure student safety, open communication between students, parents and coaches about the child's medical condition is critical. Coaches and other appropriate staff, will receive guidance and training regarding recognition of injury and removal of the student athlete from play in the event of injury. Parents and/or students are expected to report injuries so that student health can be protected.

In order to resume participation following an injury, the student needs to receive medical clearance. The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate district staff, including the school physician, will develop regulations and procedures to guide the process of return to play.

Cross-ref: 5420 Student Health Services

Ref: Education Law §§1709 (8-a); 3001-b  
8 NYCRR §135.4  
Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. V Doe, 520 U.S. 290 (2000) (constitutionality of student led prayers at interscholastic athletic events)  
Concussion Management Support Materials, [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)

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