

SELINGROVE AREA 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 district students and to the community. The game activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to teach the values of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sport contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this district or outside this district.
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.27 34 CFR 106.41 Pol. 103 SC 511	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and without discrimination, in accordance with state law and regulations.</p> <p>The Board shall approve 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 an interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by student accident insurance; be in good physical condition; and be free of injury, as determined by the district physician, and be informed of any district policies through the web-site.</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p>
Pol. 218	This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.27</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>5. Guidelines</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 interscholastic 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>The Superintendent or designee 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.</p> <p>S/He shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics. Such rules shall be in conformity with regulations of the State Board of Education, the P.I.A.A. and the school district.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that interscholastic athletics are open to all eligible students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them.</p> <p>The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in an interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student, before participating in any interscholastic activity, be covered by student accident insurance; be in good physical condition; be free of injury, as determined by the district physician.</p> <p>The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.</p>
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Eligibility

All students must be in daily attendance the entire school day to be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities. Only bona fide doctors' excuses or other urgent circumstances will be considered by the principal in waiving this policy.

A student who is suspended is not eligible to participate in interscholastic events. Any student who does not comply with the code of conduct may be denied participation.

Academic Eligibility

Students need to be passing three full credits to be eligible to participate in any activity after school hours. This applies to athletics, plays, academic competitions, dances, the prom, among other activities. Students may attend public performances and contests as spectators.

Excepting eligibility for dances and the prom, which shall be applied at the end of each marking period, eligibility will be checked weekly. According to the student's weekly standing, the following will apply:

Failure totaling a full credit will result in contract status. Upon ineligibility (1.5 credits failing) all courses will result in contract status.

Students may attend practices, rehearsals, or other after school commitments even though ineligible if the total of failing credits is 1.5 or less. If the student is failing 2 credits or more, he or she may not attend practices, rehearsals, or other after school commitments.

Students may regain eligibility upon improved weekly standings. However, if the student has been ineligible to practice, the principal will decide the date he or she may be eligible to participate after consultation with the coach or advisor.

If at the end of a marking period or semester, the student is deemed ineligible (fewer than three full credits passing), the period of ineligibility will be 4½ weeks. Return to eligibility will be determined by weekly progress as reflected in both grades and contract status.

At the end of the second and fourth marking periods, in both marking period and final grade standards will be applied towards eligibility status.

Students who are retained a grade level are ineligible to participate in activities or sports for the entire year.

When a student is in contract status, the coach or advisor will communicate with the teacher and student. A plan will be developed to assist the student in meeting his academic obligations. Parts of the plan may include requiring tutoring, deadlines for assignments due, etc. The principal must be informed of any student under contract. Also, the principal must approve a student's eligibility when he or she is under contract status.

Attendance Eligibility

A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall not be eligible to participate in any athletic contest until s/he has been in attendance for a total of sixty (60) school days following the twentieth day of absence, except that where there is a consecutive absence of five (5) or more school days due to confining injury death in the immediate family as defined in Section 1154 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, court subpoena, quarantine or to attend a religious activity/function which the church requires its members to attend, or an absence of five (5) or more school days due to the same confining illness, such absence may be waived from the application of this rule by the district committee. Attendance at summer school does not count toward the sixty (60) days required.

Absence from school for an entire semester, or for several semesters, shall disqualify a student for the same period as stated above.

Student Activity Fee

A student activity fee will be assessed to each student who participates in any interscholastic sport. A student is required to pay the activity fee only once each academic year, regardless of the number of sports in which s/he may participate. The full amount of the fee will be waived for any student that has qualified for and been approved by the Director of Food Service for free or reduced lunch in the current year (previous year for fall sports commencing prior to the opening of school). Due to confidentiality considerations, it is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to administer the collection of the fee and maintain accurate records. No student may begin practice or participate in any sport or activity prior to the payment of the fee. There will be no refunds of the fee regardless of the level or length of student participation except for students who do not pass required physical examinations or students who are cut from sports by coaches.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.27, 12.1, 12.4

Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR 106.41

Board Policy – 103, 218