

# SOUTHEASTERN GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETICS

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	123. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
1. Purpose	<p>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 as a conduit for community involvement.</p> <p>The program fosters the growth of school loyalty within the student body as a whole and stimulates community interest.</p> <p>The game activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to teach the values of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.</p>
2. Definition	<p>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.</p>
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 in accordance with law and regulations.</p> <p>The Board shall annually approve a program of interscholastic athletics and 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.</p>

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The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The Board directs that no student may participate in interscholastic athletics who has not:

1. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.
2. Attended school regularly.
3. Been in attendance on the day of the athletic event or practice, unless prior approval has been received by the principal. If part of the day is missed, a valid medical excuse must be presented to the coach before participating.
4. Returned all school athletic equipment previously used.

#### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full-time curriculum. Where required, this curriculum, or its equivalent, must be approved by, and conform to, the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the Board.

The student must be passing at least four (4) full-credit subjects, or the equivalent. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period, and shall be reported on a weekly basis.

In cases where a student's cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period does not as of any Friday meet the standards provided in this section, s/he shall be ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which his/her cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period meets the standards provided for in this section.

When a school is closed on a Friday for any reason, the principal may, at his/her discretion, determine whether the student, as of that day, meets the standards provided for in this section.

If a student does not maintain a passing grade as designated in this policy, the student will be deemed ineligible until the next nine (9) week grade.

<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>In addition to meeting academic requirements, students who participate in the athletic programs must obey the rules of the district as stated in the Discipline Code. Students who fail to meet the department standards of the district may be declared ineligible to participate in athletics at the discretion of the administration.</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 Discipline Code if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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 Discipline Code.</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> </ol> <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 shall ensure that similar athletic programs are offered to both sexes in proportion to the district's enrollment.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</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>Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR 106.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 218</p>
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