

BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY 9080
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Effective: December 13, 1990

Policy Statement

The Board of Education recognizes the positive role, importance, and value of interscholastic athletics as part of the total educational program. The goals for students who participate in the interscholastic athletic program include:

- Developing feelings of self-worth
- Learning appropriate behavior when working with others
- Learning to cooperate in a competitive context
- Learning to understand and control emotions
- Developing good health habits
- Improving physical fitness
- Learning sports skills

Additionally, interscholastic athletics provide an opportunity for the entire student body to demonstrate school spirit and positive citizenship. Only those high school interscholastic teams approved by the Board of Education are authorized.

The Superintendent is responsible for developing regulations and procedures to implement this policy.

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I. Definitions

- A. Interscholastic Athletics - Approved athletic competition between or among two or more high schools.
- B. Approved Athletic Teams - Athletic teams approved by the Board of Education.

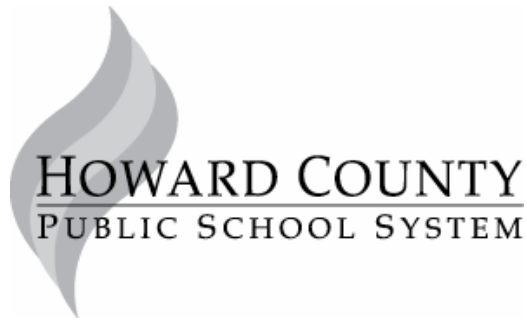
II. Regulations

- A. The Interscholastic Athletic Handbook will be developed and updated annually. The handbook will ensure that the program complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Public Law 92-318, as well as the Public School Laws of Maryland; the recommendations and standards of the Maryland State Department of Education; and The Handbook of the Maryland Public School Secondary Athletic Association.
- B. Selection of coaches will comply with Policy 7120, Coaches and Advisors of High School Extracurricular Activities.
- C. An Athletic Advisory Committee will serve as an advisory group on interscholastic athletics.
- D. The Instructional Director of High Schools and the Executive Supervisor for Health and Physical Education will be responsible for directing the implementation of the interscholastic athletic program and interpreting the rules and regulations for this policy, as well as for the following:
 - Policy 7120, Coaches and Advisors of High School Extracurricular Activities
 - Policy 9070, Academic Eligibility for High School Extracurricular Activities
 - Policy 9000, Enrollment, Residency, Student Assignment, and Admission to Pre-K and K
- E. An athletic equipment and uniforms essential list will be developed for each approved athletic team.
- F. There will be central purchasing of athletic equipment and uniforms.

Legal Reference: Title 13A, State Board of Education; subtitle .06, Supporting Programs;
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POLICY 9080-PR
IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES
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- I. The Superintendent/designee is responsible for the development of a yearly Interscholastic Athletic Handbook which defines the implementation procedures for interscholastic athletic activities in The Howard County Public School System. The following items are addressed:
- General Administration Procedures
 - Athletic Committee Procedures
 - Uniform and Equipment (minimal essentials list)
 - Admissions, Security, and Gate Receipts
 - Student Information
 - Procedures for Infractions or Violations
 - Awards and All-star Teams
 - Transportation
 - Rules and Regulations for Athletic Events
 - Coaches Information
 - Publicity and Public Relations
 - Medical Personnel Coverage for Athletic Contests
- II. Questions concerning policy and rule interpretation will be directed to the Instructional Director of High Schools or the Executive Supervisor of Health and Physical Education.
- III. High school principals, athletic directors, and two coach representatives will serve on the Athletic Advisory Committee; the Executive Supervisor of Health and Physical Education will act as the chair.

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