

I. Policy Statement

The Board of Education recognizes the importance and value of an education-based interscholastic athletic program as part of the total educational program.

The Board also recognizes that interscholastic athletics provide an opportunity for the entire student body to demonstrate school spirit and positive citizenship.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for implementing the interscholastic athletic program.

III. Definitions

Within the context of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. Allied Sports – Approved athletic competition between two or more high schools for students with disabilities and general education students who have never been a member of a junior varsity or varsity interscholastic athletic team.
- B. Approved Athletic Teams – Interscholastic athletic teams approved by the Board of Education.
- C. Interscholastic Athletics – Approved athletic competition between or among two or more high schools.

IV. Standards

- A. The goals for students who participate in the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) interscholastic athletic program include:
 - 1. Developing feelings of self-worth
 - 2. Learning appropriate behavior when working with others
 - 3. Learning to cooperate in a competitive context
 - 4. Learning to understand and control emotions
 - 5. Developing good health habits

6. Improving physical fitness
 7. Learning sports skills
- B. An Interscholastic Athletic Handbook that includes Allied Sports will be developed and updated annually. The handbook will ensure that the interscholastic athletic 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, including The Fitness and Athletic Equity for Students with Disabilities Act of 2008, and The Handbook of the Maryland Public Schools Secondary Athletic Association.
- C. Selection of coaches will comply with Policy 7120 Coaches and Advisors of High School Extracurricular Activities.
- D. A Committee for Interscholastic Athletics will serve as an advisory group on interscholastic athletics.
- E. An athletic equipment and uniforms essential list will be developed for each approved athletic team.
- F. There will be central distribution of funds to high schools for the purchasing of athletic equipment and uniforms.
- G. Only those high school interscholastic teams approved by the Board of Education are authorized. The Board of Education does not authorize interscholastic club sports, interscholastic middle school sports, or out-of-season sports.
- H. The following is a list of Board of Education approved athletic teams:
1. Baseball
 2. Boys Basketball
 3. Girls Basketball
 4. Allied Bowling (implemented during the school year 2011/2012)
 5. Fall Cheer
 6. Winter Cheer
 7. Boys Cross Country
 8. Girls Cross Country
 9. Girls Field Hockey
 10. Football
 11. Allied Golf (implemented during the school year 2010/2011)
 12. Boys Golf
 13. Girls Golf
 14. Boys Lacrosse

15. Girls Lacrosse
16. Allied Softball (implemented during the school year 2011/2012)
17. Girls Softball
18. Allied Soccer (implemented during the school year 2011/2012)
19. Boys Soccer
20. Girls Soccer
21. Boys Tennis
22. Girls Tennis
23. Boys Indoor Track
24. Girls Indoor Track
25. Boys Outdoor Track and Field
26. Girls Outdoor Track and Field
27. Girls Volleyball
28. Wrestling

V. Compliance

- A. The Superintendent/Designee will develop regulations and procedures for compliance with the standards of this policy.
- B. The Chief Academic Officer and the Coordinator of Athletics will be responsible for directing the implementation of the interscholastic athletic program and for interpreting the rules and regulations for this policy as well as any other applicable policies.
- C. The principals and athletics and activities manager (AAM) will supervise and administer the interscholastic athletic program in their school.
- D. Contracted coaches will organize and administer Board-approved interscholastic teams in the school.

VI. Delegation of Authority

The Superintendent is authorized to develop appropriate procedures to implement this policy.

VII. References

- A. Legal
Title 13A, State Board of Education; subtitle .06, Supporting Programs;
Chapter 03, Interscholastic Athletics in Maryland, approved August 14, 1989
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Public Law 92-318
The Fitness and Athletic Equity for Students with Disabilities Act of 2008

- B. Other Board Policies
 - 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 (Section IV., PR: Section V.D.)

- C. Other
 - The Handbook of the Maryland Public Schools Secondary Athletic Association
 - National Federation of High Schools Handbook
 - National Federation of High Schools Rules Books

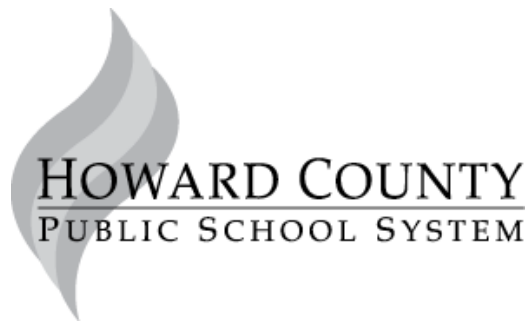
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POLICY 9080-PR
IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

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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 the interscholastic athletic program in The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS). The following topics will be included:
 - A. Athletic Personnel
 - B. Eligibility
 - C. Allied Sports
 - D. Regulations of Athletic Contests
 - E. Procedures for Violations and Infractions
 - F. Safety, Risk Management, and Legal Issues
 - G. Equipment, Inventory, and Budgets
 - H. Transportation
 - I. Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
 - J. Publicity, Public Relations, and Contacts
 - K. Athletic Forms
 - L. Alpha Programs
 - II. Honoring the philosophy and mission of the HCPSS Interscholastic Athletic Program, an annual Sportsmanship Cup shall be awarded to the school which best displays outstanding sportsmanship throughout the course of the three athletic seasons.
 - III. The Committee for Interscholastic Athletics' (CIA) purposes are to assist in the development of the Interscholastic Athletic Handbook and to give annual approval of the handbook. High school principals, athletics and activities managers, and two coach representatives will serve on the Committee for Interscholastic Athletics. The Coordinator of Athletics will serve as the chairperson.
 - IV. The Interscholastic Athletic Advisory Committee's (IAAC) purpose is to assist in offering a challenging, exemplary, and rewarding education-based interscholastic athletic program for the HCPSS. The IAAC will be established on an annual basis and will include a parent representative from each high school, an Allied Sports parent representative, an athletic trainer, a physician, an athletic and activities manager, three at-large members, and two students; the Coordinator of Athletics will serve as the chairperson.

- VI. The HCPSS Interscholastic Athletic Program, for reasons of safety, risk management, availability of facilities, and/or cost effectiveness, does not sponsor interscholastic middle school sports, interscholastic club sports, or out-of-season sports.
- VII. The HCPSS does not sponsor or endorse the selection of any all-star team.
- VIII. Questions concerning policy and rule interpretation will be directed to the Chief Academic Officer or the Coordinator of Athletics.

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