

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY  
MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

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<b>TITLE:</b>	Policy 9080 Interscholastic Athletic Activities	<b>DATE:</b>	January 14, 2010
<b>PRESENTERS:</b>	Michael Williams, Coordinator, Athletics		
	Daniel Michaels, Administrative Director, Secondary Schools		

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**OVERVIEW:**

Policy 9080 was reviewed under the guidelines for policy development and adoption. The Committee Charter was approved by the Superintendent on August 24, 2009. A committee of stakeholders, chaired by Michael Williams and Daniel Michaels, was convened to make recommendations for revisions to the policy. The committee was charged with the following tasks:

- Review all parts of the policy to update legal references as needed and to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory mandates, including the Fitness and Athletic Equity for Students with Disabilities Act of 2008
- Include Maryland State Department of Education mandated Fitness and Athletic Equity for Students with Disabilities Act of 2008 language into the policy and procedures.

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) will comply with the Fitness and Athletic Equity for Students with Disabilities Act of 2008 which mandates the implementation of interscholastic athletic opportunities for students with disabilities by July 1, 2011. Allied golf will be implemented in the Spring of 2010, putting the HCPSS in partial compliance in advance of the regulations. Procedures for the rest of the allied sports program (allied bowling, allied soccer, allied softball) are currently being developed.

Attached are highlights of the committee's work, a list of committee members, and the proposed policy and implementation procedures. The markup copy includes original language from the current policy. The committee's recommendation was submitted to the Superintendent's Cabinet on November 9, 2009. A report was presented to the Board on December 10, 2009.

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**RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:**

Take action to adopt revised Policy 9080 on February 11, 2010. The revised policy would become effective July 1, 2010.

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**Submitted  
by:**

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**Approval/  
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Sandra Erickson  
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Linda Wise  
Chief Academic Officer

**Policy 9080 Interscholastic Athletic Activities  
Highlights of Initial Proposal**

***Policy***

- Updates language in the Policy Statement to emphasize an education based interscholastic athletic program
- Adds a purpose statement
- Replaces regulations with revised standards
- Adds a definition for Allied Sports
- Lists the goals for students participating in the interscholastic athletic program as Standard A
- Moves the authorization statement from Implementation Procedures to Standard G
- Adds a Compliance Statement
- Updates references in the Policy.

***Implementation Procedures***

- Updates the list of topics included in the annual Interscholastic Athletic Handbook
- Describes the Interscholastic Athletics Advisory Committee (IACC)
- Lists the Board-approved athletic teams
- Lists the sports which are not sponsored by the Howard County Public School System.

**Committee for the Revision of  
Policy 9080 Interscholastic Athletic Activities**

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Ben Bialek, Community Advisory Council (CAC)

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Jim Haller, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

Ken Hovet, Howard County Education Association (HCEA)

Kim McKay, Special Education Community Advisory Council (SECAC)

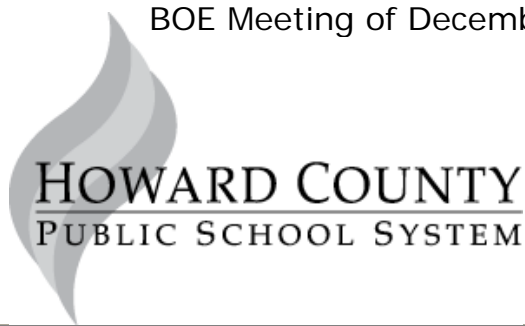
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Jean Vanderpool, Howard County Administrators Association (HCAA)

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**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

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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.

#### **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.

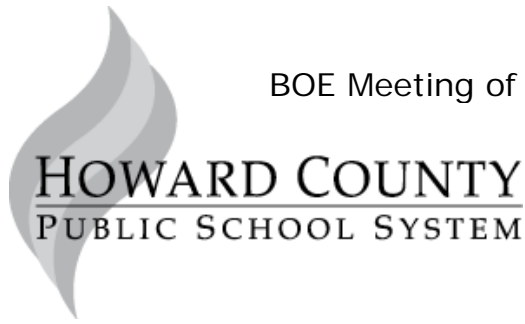
**VI. Delegation of Authority**

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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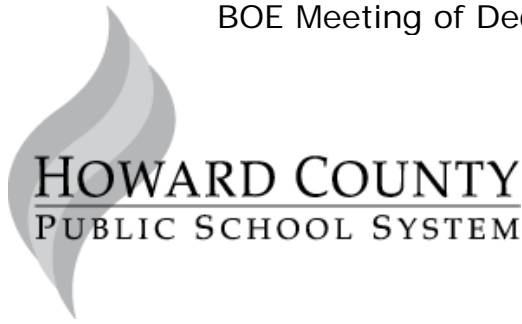


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- I. The Superintendent/Designee is responsible for the development of a yearly Interscholastic Athletic Handbook which defines the implementation procedures for the interscholastic athletic program in The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS). 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.
  - V. The following is a list of Board of Education approved athletic teams:
    - A. Baseball

- B. Boys Basketball
- C. Girls Basketball
- D. Allied Bowling (implemented during the school year 2011/2012)
- E. Fall Cheer
- F. Winter Cheer
- G. Boys Cross Country
- H. Girls Cross Country
- I. Girls Field Hockey
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- L. Boys Golf
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- O. Girls Lacrosse
- P. Allied Softball (implemented during the school year 2011/2012)
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- S. Boys Soccer
- T. Girls Soccer
- U. Boys Tennis
- V. Girls Tennis
- W. Boys Indoor Track
- X. Girls Indoor Track
- Y. Girls Volleyball
- Z. Wrestling

- 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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## **I. Policy Statement**

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

- ~~• Developing feelings of self-worth~~
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~~Additionally, The Board also recognizes that~~ 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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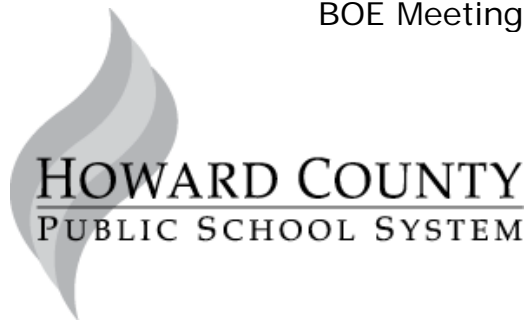
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