

Davis Joint USD

Board Policy

Athletic Competition

BP 6145.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. –The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. –The district's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

School administrators, parents and school sports leadership must ensure that the first priority of their student-athlete is a serious commitment to education and developing the academic skills and character to succeed in life. Such individuals must assure that education and character development responsibilities are not compromised to achieve sports performance goals and that academic, social, emotional, physical and ethical well-being of student-athletes is always placed above desires and pressures to win. (CIF Principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor).

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests)

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices

prohibited by state and federal law-, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Any complaint regarding alleged discrimination in the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

California Interscholastic Federation

~~The Board maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic athletic activities be conducted in accordance with Board policy, administrative regulation, and CIF bylaws and rules.—Any district school that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall conduct its athletic activities in accordance with CIF bylaws and rules and any applicable district policy and regulation.~~ The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

~~Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, †~~The Board shall annually designate ~~an employee from each high school to serve as~~ a representative to the local CIF league from each school that participates in CIF sports. ~~Appointees shall represent the district in performing all duties required by the CIF league.—In making this selection, the Board shall consider the employee's—~~The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic ~~and-~~ ~~extracurricular~~ activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and ~~individual~~ interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

The ~~Superintendent or designee~~designated representative(s) shall ~~ensure~~vote on issues that impact interscholastic athletics at the district representatives to league and section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and report regularly to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues, ~~as well as activities and prospective actions~~ related to athletic programs.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Student Eligibility

The first priority of student athletes shall be a commitment to their education and academic achievement.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Eligibility requirements for student participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including ~~eligibility for a child in foster care or a child of a military family~~requirements pertaining to academic achievement, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. ~~6162.52 - High School Exit Examination~~6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by ~~the~~ CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

5143 - Insurance)

Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. -Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. -They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship and the ~~Codes~~Code of ~~Conduct~~Ethics adopted by CIF.

Students and staff ~~may~~shall be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. -When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. [5141.6 - School Health Services](#))
(cf. [5141.7 - Sun Safety](#))
(~~cf. 5143 - Insurance~~)

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

~~In the event that an injury occurs, the coach or other appropriate district employee shall observe universal precautions and shall remove the student athlete from the activity and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.~~

~~(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)~~

The Board recognized the adverse impact of concussions on students' health and academics and supports a comprehensive athlete concussion protocol which requires the athlete be evaluated by a medical doctor trained in the management of concussions and receives the doctor's written clearance to return to the activity. If the doctor determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. (Education Code 49475)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers

regarding concussion symptoms, prevention, and appropriate response. In addition, [information training](#) shall be provided to parents and students regarding concussion symptoms and protocols and Baseline Testing shall be offered to all student athletes free of charge.

The use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affect a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. To safeguard the health of athletes and the integrity of the sport, school sport programs must actively prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and performance enhancing substances, as well as demand compliance with all laws and regulations. The Superintendent or designee will clearly communicate this expectation to athletes and their parents.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations. (Education Code 35179.4)

In the event of a serious injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other district employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

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(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Whenever a serious injury or illness is suffered by a student athlete, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury or illness suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

17580-17581 Football equipment

32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams, especially:

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act
35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations
35179 Interscholastic athletics
35179.1 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program
35179.4 Emergency action plan
35179.5 Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices
35179.6 Automated external defibrillator, athletic activities
48850 Interscholastic athletics; students in foster care and homeless students
48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion
48930-48938 Student organizations
49010-49013 Student fees
49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity
49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances
49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program
49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries
49700-49701 Education of children of military families
51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1797.196 Automated external defibrillator

PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs, especially:

4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.31 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities

106.33 Comparable facilities

106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs

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CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

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California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws
A Guide to Equity in Athletics
Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation
Keep Their Heart in the Game: A Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet for Athletes and Parents/Guardians
Event Emergency Guidelines, 2013
Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS
Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports, Tool Kit, June 2010
Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports, Tool Kit, July 2007
Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan, 2006
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS PUBLICATIONS
Emergency Action Planning Guide for After-School Practices and Events
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS
Withdrawal of Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students, Dear Colleague Letter, February 22, 2017
Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test - Part Three, Dear Colleague Letter, April 20, 2010
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources:
<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>
National Federation of State High School Associations: <http://www.nfhs.org>
National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: <http://www.nocsae.org>
U.S. Anti-Doping Agency: <http://www.usada.org>
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

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