

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

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TITLE: Athletics

POLICY:

- (1) All district high schools shall be members of the Florida High School --- Athletics Association, Inc. (FHSAA) and shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by FHSAA. Students who participate in athletics shall meet eligibility requirements established by FHSAA.
- (2) All district middle schools shall be members of the Orange County Public Middle School Activities Association (OCPMSAA) and shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by the OCPMSAA. Students who participate in athletics shall meet eligibility requirements established by OCPMSAA.
- (3) Students practicing or participating in any type of interscholastic athletics shall provide proof of accident insurance covering medical expenses of any injury sustained in a sport. The principal shall be responsible for obtaining proof, as evidenced by a signed statement from the student's parent(s) or legal guardian, of the student's insurance prior to practice or participation in interscholastic athletics. Such insurance may be made available to the parent(s) or legal guardian through the school, or the parent(s) or legal guardian may submit evidence that insurance has been provided through another source.
- (4) No student shall engage in practice or participate in any interscholastic game without the written permission of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian being on file.
- (5) If a parent, guardian or student falsifies the signature of a physician on the sports screening physical examination, the student shall be declared ineligible for one full calendar year from disclosure date.
- (6) If a student consults a medical physician concerning any injury received in an Orange County Public Schools-sponsored athletic practice or interscholastic sports contest, written medical approval shall be obtained from that physician prior to the student's further participation in that activity.
- (7) Pursuant to Section 768.135, Florida Statutes, licensed medical personnel who act as volunteers for school events and agree to render emergency care or treatment shall be immune from civil liability for treatment of a participant in any school-sponsored athletic event, provided such treatment was rendered in accordance with acceptable standards or practice and was not objected to by the participant.
- (8) All students shall be subject to all school board rules and to the Code of Student Conduct while attending athletic events and practices.

- (9) Interscholastic athletic contests shall be prohibited in the elementary school program. This includes sports contest, cheerleading and any athletic competition against another school.
- (10) No school shall sponsor or permit its team to hold meetings, participate in practice or compete in an athletic contest on Sunday.
- (11) Saturday contests shall be limited to those which the principal considers essential.
- (12) Athletic contests shall be scheduled such that participating students will not miss more than five school days during the school year.
- (13) Every possible attempt will be made to arrange for an ambulance with a qualified attendant to be available at all football games.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED:

Sections 1000.21; 1006.07; 1012.28; 1001.54;
1006.15; 768.135, Florida Statutes

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