

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that individual students will have opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contribution to team effort, made possible through competitive interscholastic athletics/activities.

The Board will provide interscholastic athletic/activity competition for secondary school students in a variety of sports/activities. The Board may assess a participation fee. Students will be allowed to Participate in the individual sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire. Qualified professional staff will be provided for coaching and for the supervision of all athletic/activity events.

The purpose of high school athletics/activities is both educational and recreational. The athletic/activity program should encourage participation by as many boys and girls as possible, and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the primary consideration.

The Board also believes parents are important "stakeholders" not only in academic pursuits but in the area of extra-curricular activities. The high school administration, the district athletic/activities director, the coaches, and sponsors are encouraged to develop open dialogue and communication with parents in order to facilitate parent support and understanding for the total district program and goals.

A well-organized and well-conducted athletic/activity program can have a positive influence on the morale of a high school student body. It also can enhance good community-school relations.

The interscholastic athletic/activity program of the District will be organized under the following guideposts:

1. The athletic/activity program is an integral part of the high school curriculum, and comes under the authority of the principal to the same degree as all other phases of curriculum.
2. Participation in interscholastic athletics/activities is for students in grades 9-12.
3. Programs of interscholastic athletics/activities will be available to boys and girls, which provide equal access to the following: 1) school facilities, 2) coaching and instruction, 3) scheduling of practice times and games, 4) number of activities at each level of competition, and 5) equipment, supplies, and services.
4. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic/activities program is determined in accordance with the Missouri State High School Activities Association regulations and the requirements of the Pattonville Board of Education.
5. The following provisions apply to determining eligibility for district athletic/activity programs:
 - a. You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 2.50 units of credit or have earned credit in 70 percent of the maximum allowable classes in which any student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater.

Currently, you must be enrolled in, and regularly attending, courses that offer 2.5 units of credit or 70 percent of the maximum allowable credits, which may be earned, whichever is greater.

Credits earned or completed after the close of the first semester will not fulfill this requirement. However, credits earned and completed after the close of the second semester during summer school will be allowed to fulfill this requirement for the next fall semester.

MSHSAA By-Law 213 provides that beginning with the summer of 2001, students may count up to one credit from summer school toward establishing their eligibility for the fall semester of 2001. Only classes, which are required for graduation from the local school, may be counted toward meeting the academic requirement. Electives shall not count when earned during summer school.

- b. Students must have accumulated at least a 1.5 grade average (weighted or unweighted) during the previous semester at Pattonville High School in order to be eligible for the next semester.
- c. If you are a beginning ninth grade student, you must have been promoted at the close of the previous school year.

If transfer students are eligible from the school they are transferring from, they are eligible under MSHSA rules.

- d. Students eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who do not meet the above criteria may have their eligibility restored by the high school principal following a review with the athletic/activities director.
- 6. The value of district organized or non-district camps/clinics is recognized. However, no student shall be eliminated or penalized from participating on any athletic team or school activity for failure to participate in any camp or clinic outside the normal activity season.
 - 7. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he or she has been examined and approved by a physician and written consent has been obtained from the parent.
 - 8. Expenditures for the athletic/activity program are incorporated as part of the general budget of the Board.
 - 9. District participation in interscholastic athletics/activities will be subject to approval by the Board. This will include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences.
 - 10. Insurance against accident or injury will be required for students engaged in interscholastic athletics.

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