



Instruction – Series 2000 Interscholastic Activities - 2151

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic activities as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the district and to the community. The program of interscholastic activities shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district when such events occur between separate schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The Board expects that:

- A. All interscholastic activities and events shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and School Board mandated academic requirements. The schools of the district shall not participate in any out-of-season athletics that are not sanctioned by the WIAA. The district shall not be responsible or liable for nonschool-sponsored programs or for programs that are organized, promoted or participated in by staff members without school approval. The district shall not be responsible for or control and incur liability for summer and/or out-of-season activities unless specifically sponsored by the school district. The Superintendent shall establish rules defining the circumstances under which school facilities may be used and under which announcements of summer sports leagues and/or clinics may be channeled to students. All interscholastic activities are co-curricular activities.
- B. A participant must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and pass at least 5 of 6, 4 of 5, or 3 of 4, classes, determined as follows:

Fall Activities and Sports:

- 1. Grades (transcripted) from the previous spring will determine a student's eligibility.
- 2. Attendance at District Summer School or acceptable alternate program could change transcripted grades.
- 3. Attendance at a Summer Jump Start program does not change an ineligible student's status.
- 4. Students who remain below a 2.0 GPA will be placed on a five-week probation (W.I.A.A. Policy).
- 5. Grades from the October (6 week) progress report will be used to determine conditional eligibility during the Fall activity/sport season.

Winter Activities and Sports:

1. Grades from the October (six-week) progress report will be used at the start of the season to determine initial eligibility in winter activities and athletics.
2. The December (twelve-week) progress report will be checked to determine continued eligibility for winter activities and sports.
3. Students who fall below a 2.0 GPA can regain their eligibility with a successful intervening progress report (no more than one per week).
4. Grades will be checked for all students still active in a sport or activity again at the end of the first semester using the first semester's transcribed grades.
5. Students who remain below a 2.0 GPA will be placed on a five-week probation (W.I.A.A. Policy)

Spring Activities and Sports:

1. Academic eligibility for spring sport/activity students will be based on the previous semester's transcribed grades. Those students who are ineligible (i.e. failing more than one class or below 2.0 GPA) will be placed on probation. The probation period is the first five weeks of the second semester (W.I.A.A. Policy), therefore; the probation period will already have expired before spring sport competitions can begin. Still, students must regain their eligibility with a successful progress report (again, only one per week) after the probation period.
2. The March (six-week) and May (twelve-week) reports will also be used to check eligibility of all students in activities and athletics. . Students who fall below a 2.0 GPA can regain their eligibility with a successful intervening progress report (no more than one per week).

The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic activities for the school year. The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the conduct of student activities including, but not limited to, use of alcoholic beverages; use of tobacco; use or possession of illegal chemical substances or opiates not prescribed by a physician; physical appearance; curfew; unsportsmanlike conduct; absence from practice; gambling; or any infraction of civil law. Rules and disciplinary actions related to rule violations shall be distributed to each participant and his/her parents prior to the beginning of an interscholastic activity season.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2121 Substance Abuse Program
Board Policy 2150 Co-Curricular Program
Board Policy 3200 Student Rights and Responsibilities
Board Policy 3240 Student Conduct
Board Policy 3416 Medication at School
Board Policy 3431 Emergency Treatment
Board Policy 4260 Use of School Facilities
WIAA Handbook Section 18 "Student Standards for Interscholastic Eligibility"

Legal References:

RCW 28A.400.350 Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized--Premiums
RCW 28A.600.200 Interscholastic athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students, regulation of--Delegation, conditions
RCW 69.41.330 Public Warnings -- School districts
RCW 69.41.340 Student athletics

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