

2431 ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Board of Education recognizes the value of a program of athletic competition for both boys and girls as an integral part of the total school experience. Game activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to learn the values of competition and good sportsmanship. Programs of athletic competition, both intrascholastic and interscholastic, offer students the opportunity to exercise and test their athletic abilities in a context greater and more varied than that offered by the class or school or school district alone, and an opportunity for career and educational development.

For purpose of this Policy, programs of athletic competition includes all activities relating to competitive sports contests, games, events, or sports exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur within or between schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The programs of athletic competition shall include, but are not limited to, high school interscholastic athletic programs, middle school interscholastic athletic programs where school teams or squads play teams or squads from other school districts, and/or intramural athletic programs within a school or among schools in the district and any cheerleading program or activity in the school district.

The program of athletic competition includes all athletic lettered competitions.

Eligibility Standards

A student who wishes to participate in a program of athletic competition must submit, on a form provided by the district, the signed consent of his/her parent. The consent of the parent of a student who wishes to participate in a program of athletic competition will include an acknowledgment of the physical hazards that may be encountered in the activity.

Student participation in athletic competition shall be governed by the following eligibility standards:

High School

Fall and Winter Sports

To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (September 1 to January 31) of the 10th grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in the secondary school or beyond, a student must have passed 27.5 credits. The Randolph Board of Education, however, requires 30 credits per year for eligibility. If a student does not meet the eligibility requirements, he or she



may be placed on probation. This is at the discretion of the Principal and depends on the student's total accumulated credits.

Spring Sports

As per the NJSIAA to be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (February 1 to June 30) of the 9th grade or higher, a student must have passed 13.75 credits. The Randolph Board of Education however requires that 15 credits have been earned in the first semester. If a student does not meet the eligibility requirements, he or she may be placed on probation. This is at the discretion of the Principal and depends on the student's total accumulated credits.

OR

A student in grade ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) who in the previous school year earned twenty-five (25) percent of the total number of credits required by the State for graduation is eligible for participation in sports in the fall and winter seasons. A student in grade nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) who in the fall semester earned twelve (12) and one-half percent of the total number of credits required by the State for graduation is eligible for participation in sports in the spring season. A student who is eligible at the start of a sports season remains eligible for that entire sports season regardless of his/her grades at the end of a marking period.

A student in any grade must maintain a satisfactory record of attendance to be eligible for participation in sports. No student who has an unexcused absence for a school day may participate in an athletic competition, practice or activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

Notice of these eligibility requirements shall be given to students.

Student participation in a program of athletic competition shall be governed by the following eligibility standards:

1. To be eligible for participation in the interscholastic athletic program of a New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) member school, all high school students must meet, at a minimum, all the eligibility requirements of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA. Home schooled children are eligible to participate in the high school interscholastic athletic program of this district only if the school district, the parent, and the home schooled child comply with the Guidelines, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NJSIAA, and the policies and regulations of the Board of Education.



2. A student in any grade must maintain a satisfactory record of attendance to be eligible for participation in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition and must meet the criteria as outlined in the district's *5200 Attendance Policy*. A student who is serving a suspension may not participate in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition, practice or activity while serving the suspension.
3. A student in any grade who fails to observe school rules for student conduct may forfeit his/her eligibility for participation in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition.

Notice of the school district's eligibility requirements shall be available to students.

Required Examination – Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad

Students enrolled in grades six to twelve must receive a medical examination, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.7, prior to participation on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural team or squad and any cheerleading program or activity.

The examination shall be conducted within three hundred sixty five (365) days prior to the first day of official practice in an athletic season with examinations being conducted at the medical home or school physician of the student. The "medical home" is defined as a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the student's parent for the provision of health care. If a student does not have a medical home, the school district shall provide the examination at the school physician's office or other comparably equipped facility. The parent may choose either the school physician or their own private physician to provide this medical examination. The medical examination required prior to participation shall be in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)1 and Regulation 2431.2 and shall be documented using the Pre-participation Physical Evaluation form required by the Department of Education.

Information concerning a student's HIV/AIDS status shall not be required as part of the medical examination or health history pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:5C-1 et seq. The health findings of this medical examination shall be maintained as part of the student's health record.

Emergency Procedures

Athletic coaches shall be trained and certified in CPR and in first aid to include sports-related concussion and head injuries, the use of a defibrillator, the identification of student athletes who are injured or disabled in the course of any athletic program or activity, and any other first aid procedures or other health related trainings required by law or the Superintendent.



The Superintendent shall prepare and present to the Board for its approval procedures for the emergency treatment of injuries and disabilities that occur in the course of any athletic program or activity. Emergency procedures shall be reviewed not less than once in each school year and shall be disseminated to appropriate staff members.

Interscholastic Standards

The Board shall approve annually a program of interscholastic athletics and shall require that all facilities utilized in that program, whether or not the property of this Board, properly safeguard both players and spectators and are kept free from hazardous conditions.

The Board adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association as Board policy and shall review such rules on a regular basis to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board.

The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve, and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics that includes a complete schedule of athletic events. All interscholastic athletic competitions are posted on the district website www.rtnj.org.

The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the conduct of students participating in interscholastic athletics that will conform to rules of the State Board of Education, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, and North West New Jersey Athletic Conference.

The administration will assess a reasonable fee for athletic participation.

N.J.S.A. 2C:21-11;
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7; 6A:16-1.4;6A:16-2 et seq.

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