

2431 ATHLETIC COMPETITION (M)

The program of athletic competition includes all athletic lettered competitions.

Eligibility Standards

A student who wishes to participate in athletic competition must submit, on a form provided by the district, the signed consent of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The consent of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student who wishes to participate in interscholastic athletics must include an acknowledgment of the physical hazards that may be encountered in the sport.

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 scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.

Notice of these eligibility requirements shall be given to students.

Health Requirements

Good physical condition, freedom from injury, and full recovery from illness or injury are prerequisites to participation in athletic competition and practice for such competition. HIV status shall not be screened as a part of athletic physicals or reported in school health records.

An examination of each candidate for a school athletic squad or team shall be conducted within three hundred sixty five (365) days prior to the first practice session with examinations being conducted at the medical home or school physician of the student.

The medical examination shall be conducted in accordance with N.J.S.A 6A:16-2.2(h)1 and 2 and Regulation 2431.2. The medical report shall include a determination concerning the student's participation on an athletic team or squad from the examining physician, nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist, or physician's assistant. The medical report shall be provided to the school physician if the school physician did not provide the medical examination.

If the student's medical examination was completed more than sixty (60) days prior to the first practice session, the student must provide a health history update of medical problems experienced since the last medical examination in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)4. This health history must be completed and signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

The school district will provide written notification to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), signed by the school physician, stating approval of the student's participation in the athletics, based solely on the medical report, or the written reasons for the school physician's disapproval of the student's participation. The school physician's signature on the notification indicates the medical report complies with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)5.

The health findings of this medical examination shall be maintained as part of the student's health record.

The medical examination conducted to determine the fitness of a candidate for athletic competition and the health history update must include, as a minimum, the respective medical history information and physical assessments set forth in rules of the State Board of Education and incorporated in their entirety in regulations implementing this policy.

Emergency Procedures

Athletic coaches shall be trained and certified in CPR. Newly hired coaches shall complete training in sports first aid by one (1) year after being hired and in the identification of student athletes who are injured or disabled in the course of any athletic activity.

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 activity. Emergency procedures shall be reviewed by the Board 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 as Board policy the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association and shall review such rules annually 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 the Iron Hills Conference.

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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