(JJIB) Interscholastic Sports

The interscholastic athletic program of this district shall be considered as an extracurricular part of the total school program. It is neither required nor part of the basic instructional program.

The purposes of athletic programs in the school shall be:

1. To provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.

2. To develop a strong program of competitive sports:
   a. By encouraging and developing athletes in all sports and providing sufficient opportunity, especially at the /middle school level, for students to develop individual ability.
   b. By encouraging the development of team spirit among all members of the team and their coaches.
   c. By developing good attitudes or pride, sportsmanship and ethical behavior in students, participants and spectators.
   d. By developing and maintaining a good relationship between athletic teams and the student body, faculty, administration and community.
   e. By teaching fundamentals and techniques of each sport in a progressive sequence as appropriate for students at higher grade levels.
   f. By providing student athletes with an awareness of potential opportunities as afforded them through athletics.

In keeping with the above goals, the school shall seek to fund girls' sports on an equal opportunity basis with boys' sports and shall permit and encourage coeducational teams when the particular sport is determined suitable as a coeducational activity.

The BOCES shall encourage students, faculty and the community to recognize the value of athletics in relation to the total school program.
Athletic associations and leagues

Membership of a district school in an interscholastic athletic association or league shall be subject to the approval of the executive director. The executive director shall review the constitution and by-laws of such organization and its regulations for member teams before granting approval.

Customarily the principals of member schools or their designees are voting members of athletic organizations. It should be understood that such administrators serve as representatives of the district. Therefore, before voting on a change of by-laws or regulations that will in any way affect the schools or athletic teams of this district, this district's representatives to athletic organizations shall advise the of the executive director proposed change and seek and follow its directions for voting.

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