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INTRAMURAL/INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS POLICY

The School Committee believes that students benefit from the experiences made possible through participation in competitive sports. Developing physical skills can help students deal with the stress and strain produced by modern life.

All competitive sports programs will require Committee approval and will operate under the general supervision of the Principal. Qualified personnel will be assigned to supervise the various sports as needed. Coaches for the various sports will be appointed annually by the Principal with approval of the Superintendent. Compensation for these assignments are set forth in the current contracts.

In developing and approving athletic programs for students, the School Committee will strive for equitable opportunities for boys' and girls' athletics.

Participation in interscholastic athletics will be subject to compliance with the following requirements and with regulations and recommendations of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association:

A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the contest a passing grade in five subjects, (four subjects at Chicopee Academy), and maintain an average of 65% in all subjects taken. A onetime waiver may be utilized by appealing to the principal.

The School Committee is aware that team participation in athletic contests by members of the student body requires that "away games" be scheduled. It also recognizes that there is a need to regulate certain aspects of student participation in such contests. Therefore, the Superintendent will establish regulations to ensure the safety and well being of students and staff members who participate in these activities.

In addition to signing the Students' Rights and Responsibilities handbook annually, every student athlete and their parent/guardian must sign the Hazing and Harassment/Chemical Health Agreement and The Case for Sportsmanship form prior to participating.

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