

Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

Interscholastic Athletics

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1 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be
2 treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of
3 the school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided members of both sexes.¹

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5 Athletic programs and sports activities may be established and maintained in any school subject to the
6 laws, rules, and regulations of the Tennessee State Department of Education; bylaws of the Tennessee
7 Secondary Schools Athletic Association²; and the policies of the Dyer County Board of Education.

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9 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be under
10 the same administrative control as all other parts of the educational program. Only students in grades
11 5-12 may participate in interscholastic athletics.

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13 The athletic program represents a part of the total school program. However, all personnel involved in
14 this program must realize that this program is only part of the total school program and must, therefore,
15 assume an interest in the total program.

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17 There shall be a complete annual physical examination of every student prior to his/her participation in
18 interscholastic athletics.³ Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student.
19 These records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or
20 guardian to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic
21 athletics.

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23 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any
24 group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football, basketball or
25 any similar game within the regulars school hours of any school day of the week without written
26 permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in
27 the daily school program.⁴

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29 Students shall not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a
30 school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious
31 holiday. The student's parent/guardian shall notify the coach in writing three (3) full school days prior to
32 the event.⁵

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34 All full time coaches have the same responsibility to attend faculty meetings, inservice meetings,
35 assemblies, and other school activities as do other teachers. Nonfaculty coaches/part-time coaches will
36 be directed by the principal as to their responsibilities.

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38 All students participating in interscholastic athletics shall comply with all rules and regulations of the
39 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association and the Tennessee State Board of Education. The
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1 board specifically forbids the recruitment of students in any fashion. Any violation of these rules and
2 regulations should be reported immediately to the Director of schools.

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4 Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone, or
5 tolerate hazing activities.⁶

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Legal References

1. 34 CFR § 106.41
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4. TCA 49-6-1002(a)
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6. TCA 49-2-120