

**CLOVIS UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

INSTRUCTION

Student Activities

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

PURPOSE: To set forth the District's policy regarding athletic competition.

The Board recognizes that the District's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The District's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

The Board encourages business and community support for District athletic programs, subject to applicable District policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

A. Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The District's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law.

Any complaint alleging discrimination in the District's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the District's uniform complaint procedures.

B. California Interscholastic Federation

Any District school that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall conduct its athletic activities in accordance with CIF bylaws and rules and any applicable District policy and regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the District's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

The Board shall annually designate a representative to the local CIF league from each school that participates in CIF sports. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an understanding of the District's goals for student learning and interscholastic activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the District, and interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

The designated representative(s) shall vote on issues that impact interscholastic athletics at the league and section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and report regularly

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to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues related to athletic programs.

C. Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for student participation in the District's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement, shall be the same as those set by the District for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements. Students participating in interscholastic athletics in elementary and intermediate school must also satisfy District requirements. (See Board Policy No. 6145)

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.

D. Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship and the Code of Ethics adopted by CIF.

Students and staff shall be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

E. Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

Coaches and appropriate District employees shall take steps to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School

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Associations. (Education Code 35179.4)

In the event of a serious injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other District employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

Whenever a serious injury or illness is suffered by a student athlete, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury or illness suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

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EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

17580-17581 Football equipment

32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams, especially:

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35179 Interscholastic athletics

35179.1 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program

35179.4 Emergency action plan

35179.5 Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices

35179.6 Automated external defibrillator, athletic activities

48850 Interscholastic athletics; students in foster care and homeless students

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48930-48938 Student organizations

49010-49013 Student fees

49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity

49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances

49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program

49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries

49700-49701 Education of children of military families

51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1797.196 Automated external defibrillator

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PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs, especially:

4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.31 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities

106.33 Comparable facilities

106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs

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