



Competitive Athletics and Practice Rules

Nondiscrimination Notice

The Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity in its employment practices, programs, activities, or student placement. City Schools of Decatur shall not discriminate on the basis of gender in its athletic programs.

Grade Level Regulations

Grades 9-12

CSD endorses and adopts the requirements set forth in the guidelines of the Georgia High School Association (GHSA), including any amendments thereto, for determining the eligibility of students in grades 9-12 to participate in competitive interscholastic activities. CSD maintains and distributes the current GHSA guidelines to all schools in the system that sponsor competitive interscholastic activities and to ensure compliance with those guidelines.

Grades 6-8

CSD is responsible for regulating competitive interscholastic activities in grades 6-8 and therefore adopts the requirements set forth in State Board Rule 160-5-1-.19 (Grades 6-8: Competitive Interscholastic Athletics) as to student eligibility, physical examinations, time restrictions, seasonal practice, special provisions, and appeals.

Local School Responsibilities

Each principal is responsible for properly supervising and regulating competitive activities in his or her school. The principal may delegate responsibility for supervising one or more student activities and clubs to a member or members of his or her professional staff, provided such individuals act under the principal's direction.

Each team sponsor or coach will publish a team handbook to be approved by the Athletic Director no less than 10 days prior to the start of try-outs and/or the team selection process. All district sponsored handbooks must adhere to the policies, regulations, and guidelines in the



City Schools of Decatur Administrative Regulation

CSD Athletic Manual. Handbooks must include information including, but not limited to: grade and behavior eligibility criteria, consequences for not meeting eligibility criteria, player requirement, rules and regulations, enforcement policies, code of conduct for players, statement of sportsmanship, financial costs associated with the team, fundraising expectations, and game/practice schedules. Financial costs and fundraising expectations must be in compliance with administrative regulations for student fines and fees.

Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities in Grade K-12

To be eligible for participation, a student must be enrolled full-time in the school that sponsors the competitive activity and meet the criteria for participating in the extracurricular activity. Eligibility and on-track requirements to participate in extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, or any activity must also be met by students entering or re-entering the City Schools of Decatur from a home study program or any other non-accredited situation or from any accredited situation. To meet the requirements set forth by GHSA, a student whose records are incomplete or whose official records do not show semester averages and end of the year grades is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for a full semester plus any part thereof if entering the district during a semester or grading period. For high school students from a non-accredited setting, on-track credits must be carefully documented and recorded by the principal's designee.

Questions about this regulation should be directed to the Athletics and Activities Director

Related Board Policy: 2.7

Public Comment Window: N/A

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