

**Board Policy IDF: Interscholastic Activities**

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## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES**

**MISSION:** To provide opportunities for student participation in academic interscholastic activities.

The Superintendent may authorize the principals of the schools to schedule and encourage students to participate in interscholastic contests such as literary events, debating, declamation, drama, essay writing, spelling, instrumental and vocal music, and other activities.

## **ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

**MISSION:** To ensure that all students have an opportunity to participate in quality athletic programs.

Athletics may be provided at a school when the interest of the pupils and the suitability of the activity justify the schedule of practices and games.

The Superintendent or designee shall have authority to assign coaching duties to personnel. A pay supplement schedule for coaches shall be authorized by the DeKalb County Board of Education.

An athletic fund shall be provided from revenue derived from the sale of tickets and programs for games and athletic contests. The funds from these sources shall be budgeted for the expenses of the athletic related programs in secondary schools in the DeKalb County School System.

The Superintendent may authorize the principal of the secondary schools (in cooperation with the Department of Planning and Athletics) to schedule interscholastic athletic games and other competitive activities.

Each secondary school principal may be authorized by the Superintendent to file an application for membership of the school in the Georgia High School Association.

An adequate program of insurance shall be provided. Parents of each students are required to purchase the insurance offered by the school system or to sign a waiver certifying that personal insurance coverage will be provided by the parent.

Students shall not be retained in a grade for athletic purposes.

The DeKalb County Board of Education shall provide an athletic program for the students of the DeKalb County School System. The procedures for the operation of the athletic program are contained in the [Athletic Handbook for DeKalb County Secondary Schools](#). The Board must approve any significant operational changes in the athletic program. The Department of Planning and Athletics will maintain the handbook.

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