

Board Policy IDE(3): Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12

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The Carroll County Board of Education ("the Board") hereby adopts this policy regulating competitive interscholastic activities.

1. Each middle and high school principal shall regulate competitive interscholastic activities in his or her school and shall ensure that all staff members adhere to the school system's athletic guidelines, this policy, and related rules of the State Board of Education. The principal may delegate responsibility for supervising one or more student activities and clubs to a member or members of the professional staff, provided such individuals must act under the principal's direction.
2. A student wishing to participate in interscholastic competitive activities must be enrolled full-time in the school system during the semester of participation.
3. Retention of students for athletic purposes is prohibited.
4. Each principal of a school covered by this policy shall maintain documentation of adherence to the requirements of the policy.
5. Males shall not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition on any team that is designated as female.
6. Females shall not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition on any team that is designated as male: provided, however, that females may be allowed to participate in an interscholastic competition on a team that is designated as male if a corresponding team designated for females is not offered or available for interscholastic competitions.
7. Multiple occupancy restrooms or changing areas and sleeping quarters shall be available to student athletes on the basis of sex and such facilities shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

The Board endorses and adopts the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Georgia High School Association (GHSAA), including any amendments thereto, for determining the eligibility of students in grades 9-12 to participate in competitive interscholastic activities. The Superintendent shall require all high schools in the school system that sponsor competitive interscholastic activities to access and ensure compliance with the GHSAA Constitution and By-Laws.

The Board is responsible for regulating competitive interscholastic activities in grades 6-8, and therefore adopts the middle grades requirements set forth in State Board Rule 160-5-1-.18 Competitive Interscholastic Activities in Grades 6-12, as to student eligibility, physical examinations, and special provisions.

All schools containing students in grades 6-8 also must comply with any local requirements established by the Superintendent or designee to govern competitive interscholastic activities for middle school students.
