

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Instruction

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Athletics are an integral part of the high school co-curricular program. The Board of Education establishes as the goals of this activity the development of proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, teamwork, specialized physical skills, and experience in competitive situations. In attaining these goals, the program must promote and emphasize the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players, those participating in supporting activities, and the spectators.

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 interscholastic athletic program will provide many opportunities for participation. The programs and teams are, however, competitive in nature. Limitations on individual participation on teams or in games may be imposed based upon the skill or achievement level of the individual, the needs of the group/team, funding limitations, and availability of staff. Accordingly, in many of the various athletic programs, the size of squads/teams will be limited.

Students should be encouraged to participate in the varied sports offerings for which they have interest and aptitude. No effort shall be made to limit a student's participation in multiple sports because that student has displayed a special aptitude or skill in a specific sport. No student shall be required to participate in a summer program as a prerequisite to trying out or qualifying for a sport during the regular school year. However, an athlete is required to report at the beginning of the official conditioning and/or practice schedule for the sport in which he/she wishes to participate.

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 Codes of Conduct adopted by CIF.

The interscholastic sports program shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation, California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section, and the athletic leagues to which the high schools are assigned. The Board of Education will annually appoint the league representative who must notify the Superintendent and Board of Education regarding any CIF proposals that will financially impact the district prior to CIF action. The Superintendent will direct the representative regarding their vote, and notify the Board of Education. The high school principals, under the supervision of the Deputy Superintendent –Educational Services, are responsible to develop and implement procedures and local regulations necessary to fulfill the intent of this policy and the rules and regulations of the agencies under which the interscholastic program is conducted.

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