

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

### Instruction

BP 6145.2

#### ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Governing 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.

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

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.

*(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)*

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

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*  
*(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)*  
*(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*  
*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*

#### **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, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

Any complaint regarding the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures. Parents or the public may find further information on uniform complaint procedures that are outlined in Board Policy 1312.3 or by contacting their local school.

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

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

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

### **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.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*

*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*

*(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)*

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

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.

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

### **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.

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)  
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)  
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)  
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)  
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)  
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)  
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)  
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)  
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

## **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.

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)  
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)  
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)  
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)  
(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)  
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution 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.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

In the event of an injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health, such as a concussion or passing out, fainting, or other sign of sudden cardiac arrest, 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.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)  
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)  
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)  
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)  
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### 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  
 35179.5 Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices  
 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  
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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 McCormick v. School District of Mamaroneck, (2004) 370 F.3d 275  
 Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal. 4th 990  
 Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

**Management Resources:**

CSBA PUBLICATIONS  
 Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination, March 2017  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
 Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, April 24, 2013  
CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS  
 California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws  
 A Guide to Equity in Athletics  
 Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation  
 Keep Their Heart in the Game: A Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet for Athletes and Parents/Guardians  
 Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS  
 Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports, Tool Kit, June 2010  
 Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports, Tool Kit, July 2007  
 Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan, 2006  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS  
 Withdrawal of Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students, Dear Colleague Letter, February 22, 2017  
 Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test - Part Three, Dear Colleague Letter, April 20, 2010  
WEB SITES  
 CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

*California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>*  
*California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>*  
*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>*  
*National Federation of State High School Associations: <http://www.nfhs.org>*  
*National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: <http://www.nocsae.org>*  
*U.S. Anti-Doping Agency: <http://www.usada.org>*  
*U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>*

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