

***Interscholastic Athletic Competition***

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interschool athletic competition for both boys and girls as an integral part of the total school experience. In order that the athletic program be successful, certain goals must be set and strived for. The following are the goals of the Newburgh School District athletic program:

- To develop sportsmanship and a sense of fair play.
- To learn to follow rules and regulations.
- To develop the body and mind through physical and mental activity.
- To develop positive relationships with teammates and opponents.
- To develop a sense of responsibility.
- To develop self-discipline.
- To learn personal sacrifice for the good of the team, teammates, and others.
- To develop the ability to learn, follow rules and make decisions that may help to achieve success as an athlete.

For purposes of this policy, the interscholastic athletics program shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events or sport exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this District when such events occur between separate schools within this District or with schools outside this District.

Any student who wishes to participate on any District athletic team(s) must exemplify the qualities of good citizenship and abide by all school regulations and policies. Every participant must also attend school regularly and on time, and work to his/her fullest capacity to achieve academic excellence.

The Board of Education permits students in grades 7 and 8 to compete on any senior high school team provided such students are placed at levels of competition appropriate to their physical and emotional maturity, physical fitness, and ability and skills in that sport in relationship to other students on those teams after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process for the requested sport and level, in accordance with standards established by the Commissioner.

Teachers should work with coaches and use the athletic program as a tool to mold the desirable qualities necessary to develop good citizenship in students. The athletic program for the School District, both for physical education and sports activities, will comply with Title IX and its rules and regulations.

The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve, and present to the Board for its consideration a program of interscholastic athletics that shall include a complete schedule of athletic events within the budgetary constraints of the District.

The Superintendent or designee shall have authority to approve travel for post-season athletic competition or other competitions for a student(s), a team or a club. The Superintendent shall provide a report to the Board of such approved travel periodically.