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4.31 - Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities

POLICY:

Interscholastic extracurricular activities shall be defined as a planned secondary/middle school-sponsored competitive activity which exists or is performed between students representing schools, school districts, regions, or the state. The extracurricular program shall be considered an essential part of the total school program and shall be under the principal's direction and general supervision. The principal shall select the personnel to direct and to act as advisors for the various extracurricular activities. Care shall be exercised to limit the load assigned to any one teacher, or volunteer.

- (1) The principal shall be responsible for determining each participant's eligibility in interscholastic activities pursuant to the bylaws of whichever state or national organization that normally governs that particular activity. Any interscholastic activity not directly governed by a specific organization shall follow state guidelines required for eligibility. Any school found to be in violation of those regulations shall be subject to the penalties set forth by that governing board.
- (2) Funds derived from departmental activities may be spent on goods or services directly connected with the department provided they have finances during the fiscal year.
- (3) All district high schools and middle schools (where applicable) shall be members of the state governing association and shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by that association. Students who participate in athletics shall meet eligibility requirements established by the state governing association, the state, and the School Board.
- (4) No student shall engage in practice or participate in any interscholastic game without a School Board of Levy County Extra-Curricular Activities Form signed by the student's parent(s) or legal guardian being on file. Any sports insurance made available by the School Board will be of a secondary coverage nature.
- (5) Pursuant to Section 768.135, F.S., licensed medical personnel who act as volunteers for school events and agree to render emergency care or treatment shall be immune from civil liability from treatment of a participant in any school-sponsored athletic event, provided such treatment was rendered in accordance with acceptable standards of practice and was not objected to by the participant.
- (6) All students shall be subject to all School Board rules and to the Code of Student Conduct while attending athletic events and practices.

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- (7) Interscholastic Competition
 - (a) All interscholastic athletic competition shall be in compliance with the Florida High School Athletics Association Regulations Manual.
 - (b) Schedules of all sports activities shall be filed in the district office as soon as completed and prior to the beginning of the season.
 - (c) Games shall not be scheduled on more than one (1) night a week preceding a school day with the exception involving scheduling conflicts with district teams. As many of the midweek games as possible shall be played on home sites.
 - (d) School-sponsored activities, including all games, on nights prior to a school day must be completed by 10:30 p.m. whether at home or away unless delayed due to extenuating circumstances.
 - (e) All athletic games must be placed on the school calendar and no contests shall be scheduled on the day preceding any midterm or final examinations.
 - (f) Participation of students in athletic events on scheduled school holidays shall be on a voluntary basis, and no student shall be penalized in any manner for non-participation in such events.
- (8) Practice
 - (a) No student shall participate in any practice or competition without a current completed athletic physical form on file in the school.
 - (b) Practices for any activity under the jurisdiction of the Florida High School Athletics Association may not begin before the end of the student day.
- (9) In order to protect the health and safety of students participating in physical education classes and interscholastic athletic programs, a written statement from a physician shall be necessary for any student to continue to participate in the physical portion of physical education classes, or in any interscholastic athletic contest of practice involving physical exertion, when such student is either recovering from an illness or injury which required medical attention or is pregnant. Such written statement shall include the opinion of the physician that participation in the sport or physical education class will not endanger the health or welfare of either the student or, in the case of a pregnant student, the unborn child. The statement shall also include any activities which should not be undertaken by the student. Such written statement shall be maintained with the student's permanent records.
- (10) If a coach receives a fine levied by the Florida High School Athletics Association, and it has been determined that this fine is a result of the

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actions of the coach, they shall be personally responsible for the payment of the fine. If not paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the fine, the Board may deduct the fine from any supplement received by the coach.

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