

## **CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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### **ATHLETICS**

#### **POLICY:**

- (1) Athletic programs shall be under the control of the school principal.
- (2) All District middle and high schools shall be members of the Florida High School Activities Association, Inc. (FHSAA) and shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by FHSAA. Students who participate in athletics shall meet eligibility requirements established by FHSAA and the School Board which are consistent with Florida Statutes.
- (3) Students practicing or participating in any type of interscholastic athletics shall provide proof of accident insurance covering medical expenses of any injury sustained in a sport. The principal shall be responsible for obtaining proof, as evidenced by a copy of the insurance card and a signed statement from the student's parent(s) or legal guardian, of the student's insurance prior to practice or participation in interscholastic athletics. Such insurance may be made available to the parent(s) or legal guardian through the school, or the parent(s) or legal guardian may submit evidence that insurance has been provided through another source.
- (4) No student shall engage in practice or participate in any interscholastic game without the written permission of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian being on file.
- (5) No student shall be a candidate for an athletic team or a participant in athletic competition without filing an informed consent signed by his/her parent(s). The consent must explain the nature and risk of concussion and head injury as required by law. The consent must be filed annually prior to participating in any physical activity related to athletic competition or candidacy for an athletic team.
- (6) A student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or competition shall be removed from play immediately. The athlete may not return to play without a clearance from appropriate medical personnel.

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- (7) Pursuant to Section 768.135, Florida Statutes, licensed medical personnel who act as volunteers for school events and agree to render emergency care or treatment shall be immune from civil liability for 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.
- (8) An automatic external defibrillator (AED) will be available for use, if needed, at every preseason and regular season interscholastic contest and at every FHSAA state championship series contest. Staff will be trained to use such equipment.
- (9) All students shall be subject to all School Board rules and to the Code of Student Conduct while attending athletic events and practices.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY : 1001.41; 1001.42, F.S.

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