

## **ATHLETICS**

1.0 The District recognizes the value of athletics in relation to the total school program. Middle and high school students shall be provided the opportunity for athletic competition.

2.0 The District Athletic Director shall establish and administer procedures to implement the athletic program. The middle and high school principals or designees shall be responsible for the administration of the athletic programs within his/her school. Principals shall seek input from staff members for program initiation and operation.

3.0 Membership of District schools in athletic associations or leagues shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent. The Superintendent or designee shall review the constitution and bylaws of such organizations and their rules and regulations for member teams before granting approval.

4.0 Participants in District athletic programs may be subject to assessment and collection of fees for participation in such activities. Revenues generated from such fees shall be used to support athletic programs in the schools. Guidelines pertaining to assessment and collection of athletic participation fees shall be reviewed annually by the District Athletic Director, and any fee increase shall be approved by the Superintendent.

5.0 All participants in athletic programs in the District shall be subject to discipline in connection with their participation in the program as set forth in Superintendent Policy and applicable program, school, and District athletic codes. In the event of conflict, Superintendent Policy shall prevail.

6.0 The following standards shall apply to students who wish to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities at a school other than their school of attendance because the activity is not offered at the school of attendance:

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6.1 Students enrolled in a District school, other than a charter school chartered by or located within the boundaries of the District, who desire to participate in an activity not offered at the school of attendance shall participate in the District school closest to the student's residence unless the school does not offer the activity or the District Athletic Director determines that the program or activity at such school is at capacity. In such case, the student shall be assigned to the District school, not at capacity, which is nearest to the student's residence and which offers the activity.

6.2 Students who reside within the District and who are enrolled in a charter school chartered by or located within the boundaries of the District shall participate in the school which would serve as the student's school of attendance pursuant to Superintendent Policy 5117.1 unless the school does not offer the activity or the District Athletic Director determines that the program or activity at such school is at capacity. In such case, the student shall be assigned to the District school, not at capacity, which is nearest to the student's residence and which offers the activity. If the charter student resides outside the District, the student shall participate in the activity at the District school closest to the student's residence unless the school does not offer the activity or the District Athletic Director determines that the program or activity at such school is at capacity. In such case, the student shall be assigned to the District school, not at capacity, which is nearest to the student's residence and which offers the activity.

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6.3 Students enrolled in a public or private school which do not offer the desired activity and which is located outside the District may participate in the activity at the District school closest to the student's residence unless the school does not offer the activity or the District Athletic Director determines that the program or activity is at capacity. In such case, the student shall be assigned to the District school, not at capacity, which is nearest to the student's residence and which offers the activity.

6.4 The provisions of Sections 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 shall not operate to require that a student change schools of participation in an activity if such student has participated in an activity at a District school prior to the 2008-09 school year.

6.5 For team activities, the District Athletic Director may reserve up to twice the number of starting positions on a team at each level of competition for in-District students. For individual athletic activities, the District Athletic Director may reserve up to 1/2 of the total team members for in-District students at each level of participation.