

ATHLETICS

The Deerfield Community School Board of Education (BOE) believes individual students will benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contribution to team effort made possible through competitive inter-school and intramural team and individual sports activities.

It is the BOE's policy to provide high school students with interscholastic* and intramural* athletic competition in a variety of sports. Students shall be allowed to participate in individual sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire. Qualified personnel shall be provided for coaching and supervision of individual sports. It is the policy of the BOE to support and encourage intramural athletic activities as an out-growth of class instruction in physical education and commensurate with the grade level of the students involved.

The purpose of high school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many boys and girls as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration. This should be done without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school community.

It is recognized that a well-organized and well-conducted interscholastic athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of a high school student body and an important phase of good community/school relations. Too great an emphasis on winning contests or too consistent a record of losing them are both harmful to the development of good attitudes among students and the public.

Policy Conditions

1. Participation in interscholastic athletics is limited to students in Grades 9-12 with participation of properly supervised teams from Grades 6, 7, and 8 also permitted in a limited program within their own grade levels with other schools.
2. The interscholastic athletic program is an integral part of the high school curriculum and comes under the authority of the principal to the same degree as do all other phases of the curriculum.
3. Those coaches having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the BOE and administration, including such matters as schedules, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.
4. The Deerfield High School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), and in all athletic matters will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of sports which WIAA encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic program is determined in accordance with WIAA regulations.
5. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he or she has been examined and approved by a medical doctor and until written consent has been obtained from the parent.

6. Expenditures for the athletic program are incorporated as part of the general budget of the BOE. Coaches of each sport will submit their budgetary needs to the athletic director for the next school year, and later will present the total athletic budget request to the building administrator for approval and inclusion to the general budget. No expenditures for athletic purposes may be made in excess of those listed in the budget without approval of the district administrator.
7. District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the BOE. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, or rules for student participation, and of annual sports schedules.
8. Insurance against accident or injury is mandatory and may be available through the district for students engaging interscholastic and/or intramural athletics.
9. An attempt will be made to have immediate medical supervision available for all home varsity football games.

*Intramural: Activities between students of same school.

*Interscholastic: Activities between students of different schools/districts.

It is the policy of the Deerfield Community School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.