

**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The board believes that students benefit from the experiences made possible through participation in interscholastic sports. Learning how to deal with success and failure, developing self-discipline, experiencing the successes of teamwork, and developing physical skills are some of the benefits which can come from these programs.

All interscholastic programs will require board approval and will operate under the general supervision of the superintendent. Qualified personnel will be assigned to supervise and coach the various sports as needed.

Membership of the district or an individual school in an interscholastic athletic association or league will be subject to annual approval by the board. The board will review the constitution and bylaws of any such organization, and its rules and regulations for member teams, before granting approval.

It is the practice of the board to maintain membership for the district schools in the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA). In the conduct of interscholastic athletic programs, the rules, regulations, and limitations outlined by that association will be followed.

Eligibility requirements for participating in athletic programs will be set by the school administration with the approval of the board and will conform with regulations of the SDHSAA. They will include the requirements that a student have the written permission of his parent or guardian to participate and will have been determined as physically fit for the sport by the school physician or his personal physician.

Additionally, all students participating in interscholastic athletics must purchase insurance available through the school, or the parent or guardian must sign a waiver to the effect that such coverage is not necessary.

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