

Bigfork School District #38

INSTRUCTION

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Interscholastic Activities

The District recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic activities as an integral part of the total school experience. The program of interscholastic activities shall include all activities relating to competitive sport or intellectual contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this District when such events occur between schools outside this District.

All aspects of the interscholastic program shall provide equal educational opportunities for all program participants in accordance with guidelines established by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Montana High School Association. Examples of circumstances where gender equity shall be maintained include, but are not limited to, equipment, supplies, scheduling, facilities, travel arrangements and expenses, overnight housing accommodation and support for post-season events.

All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the District, shall be inspected on a regular basis. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained and fitted.

An activity coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description. A syllabus which outlines the skills, techniques, and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach. All personnel coaching intramural or interscholastic activities will hold a current Red Cross First Aid Certificate.

The Board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic activities. While the District will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each parent or guardian will be required to sign an "assumption of risk" statement which indicates that the parents assume all risks for injuries resulting from such participation. Each participant shall be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A participant shall be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness before participating in any event.

Coaches and/or trainers may not issue medicine of any type to students. This provision does not preclude the coach and/or trainer from using approved first aid items.

Cross Reference: 3416 Administering Medicines to Students

Legal Reference: 10.55.707, ARM Certification

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