



Responsible Office: Office of Strategies

BOARD POLICY 5340

DISTRICT-SANCTIONED INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (Board) recognizes the importance of District-sanctioned interscholastic athletics as an important part of the total school experience of students. Athletic programs shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

DEFINITIONS

1. "District Sanctioned Sport" Any athletic competition in a sport recognized by the NIAA.
2. "NIAA" (The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association) the sanctioning body for high school athletics in the state of Nevada.

POLICY

1. In implementing and maintaining student athletic programs, District employees and volunteers shall comply with the policies and regulations of the District, as well as any applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Policies prohibiting bullying, harassment, and/or discrimination;
 - b. The rules and regulations of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA); and
 - c. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the regulations thereto.
2. NIAA. The District shall maintain membership in the NIAA.
 - a. The District shall assign an administrator to serve on the NIAA Board of Control.
 - i. This administrator shall serve as a liaison between school site administrators and the NIAA. This shall include, but not be limited to, oversight of school compliance with the policies and regulations

of the NIAA; and communication with the NIAA on behalf of schools;

- b. No additional athletic programs will be considered for District sanctioning without the approval of the Board;
- c. Disclaimer
 - i. The District is not responsible or liable for non-District-sanctioned athletics that are owned, organized, promoted, or participated in by staff members operating outside the course and scope of their employment with the District;
 - 1) District employees who are involved with non-sanctioned activities or organizations during their personal time must understand that employment with the District does not extend to the granting of benefits or privileges not available to non-employees (i.e., use of a school facility);
 - 2) Employees should be aware of District rules related to conflict of interest and ethical responsibilities. District employees, to include coaches/advisors and volunteers, shall avoid any conflict of interest between his/her employment or volunteer opportunity and the non-sanctioned activity; and comply with ethical responsibilities by maintaining separation between the duties as a District employee and the duties to the outside organization. This includes use of District email, communication with students and other employees during work hours related to the outside organization, and other use of District resources; and
 - ii. The District is not responsible for nor does it control or incur liability for summer and/or out-of-season activities.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- 1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
 - a. Board Policy 5345, Prevention and Treatment of Sport Related Injuries;
 - b. Board Policy 7120, Community Use of School Buildings and Facilities;
 - c. Board Policy 3100, Financial Services; and
 - d. Board Policy 4505, Standards of Professional Conduct.

2. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. Chapter 385B, Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; and
 - b. Chapter 392, Pupils.
3. This Board Policy complies with federal laws and regulations, to include:
 - a. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq., and the implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
6/26/2018	1.0	Adopted: Replaced Board Policy 5305, Interscholastic Activities, Athletics
03/08/2022	2.0	Revised: Update formatting, clarify language to reflect current practice.