

IDE-R Co-Curricular Activities

1/7/13

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:

The Cobb County School District (District) recognizes that interscholastic and extracurricular activities provide students with an opportunity for development.

RULE:**A. STANDARDS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION:**

1. The District complies with the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia High School Association (GHSAA), Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) and applicable Georgia Board of Education Rules, including 160-5-1-.18, Competitive Interscholastic Activities in Grades 9-12; No Pass, No Participate (www.ghsa.net). Principals and their designees will expect that all staff members adhere to applicable GHSAA, GMEA, and State Board Rule requirements.
2. Students are also expected to comply with all District and school rules and policies regarding athletics, including Interscholastic/Extracurricular Activities Code of Conduct (Administrative Rule IDF-R).
3. Parents should be aware that the District does not maintain or sponsor middle school athletic programs. Middle school athletic programs may exist in the community, but are not affiliated with the Cobb County School District. Questions or concerns about those activities should be directed to the outside agency or organization sponsoring the program.
4. Specific information regarding a student's eligibility, Georgia High School Association materials, and the District's athletic guidelines are available to parents/guardians, students, and staff from the District Web site, the school Athletic Directors, and the District Athletic Office. Competitive music activities are governed by the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA).
5. Transferring to or attending a new school may impact eligibility. A student wishing to participate in competitive interscholastic activities must be enrolled full time in the school for which they wish to participate during the semester of participation.
6. Students must meet all applicable academic requirements including those of the GHSAA (www.ghsa.net) and the State Board of Education. Academic requirements include, but are not limited to, being "on track" for graduation, taking the appropriate number of classes, and earning the appropriate amount of class credit. No student may be retained or "red shirted" for athletic purposes.
7. All students who participate in competitive interscholastic athletics and cheerleading shall have an annual physical examination form on file at the school prior to participation in any athletic tryouts, practices, or games that indicate the student is physically approved for participation. Students and their parents/guardians are required to complete specific permission forms.

B. REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

The District establishes this committee to provide a mechanism for changing the extracurricular activities offered based on the needs of students and the District. No programs shall be initiated at the local school level except as recommended by the Review Committee for Performance and Interscholastic Activities and approved by the District.

1. Committee Composition:

Performance and interscholastic activities shall be annually reviewed by a committee composed of, but not limited to:

- a. Two (2) high school principals;
- b. One (1) high school assistant principal who has extracurricular responsibilities;

- c. A representatives from each of the following offices:
 - (1) Student Activities;
 - (2) Athletics;
 - (3) Fine Arts;
 - (4) School Administration; and
 - (5) Human Resources Division.

2. **Committee Responsibility:**

This committee shall:

- a. Assess the progress and success of the extracurricular program and submit reports as requested by the Superintendent and/or Board of Education;
- b. Monitor the expansion of the extracurricular program; and
- c. Make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding additional extracurricular activities or the discontinuance of an extracurricular activity.

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Legal Reference

O.C.G.A. 20-17-0002	Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0160	Determination of enrollment; determination of funding
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0315	Gender equity in sports
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0316	Athletic association defined; high school athletics
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0411	School fund kept separate; use of funds; separation of school taxes; investments
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0086	Operation of school councils; training; membership; management; roles and responsibilities
Rule 160-5-1-.18	Competitive Interscholastic Activities in Grades 6-12
20 USC 1681	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972