

## Millington Board of Education

Monitoring: <b><u>Review: Annually, in November</u></b> <b><u>Review: Annually</u></b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Interscholastic Athletics</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>4.301</b>	Issued Date: <b><u>-12/04/17</u></b>
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No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person, or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of the school. Equal athletic opportunities shall be provided for members of both sexes.<sup>1</sup>

Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be the principal's responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport are reasonable. Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal/designee shall accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board, provided the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage.

Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control of athletics.<sup>2</sup>

In the event that the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to an athlete, that athlete must provide proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage and liability coverage, with the school system as a named insured, of not less than the limits set forth in **state law**.<sup>3</sup>

Prior to participation in interscholastic athletics, every student shall complete an annual physical examination.<sup>4</sup> The parent(s)/guardian(s) of each student shall be responsible for covering the cost of the examination, and these records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic athletics.

No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any group of students for the purpose of attending the practice of any interscholastic sport during the school day without written permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the daily school program.<sup>5</sup>

Students shall not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious holiday. The student's parent/guardian shall notify the coach in writing three (3) full school days prior to the event.<sup>6</sup>

Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities.<sup>7</sup>

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**Legal References**

1. 34 CFR § 106.41
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.08(1)
3. TCA 29-20-403
4. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)
5. TCA 49-6-1002(a)
6. TCA 49-6-1002(c)
7. TCA 49-2-120

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**Cross References**

Special Use of School Vehicles 3.402  
Student Insurance Program 3.601  
Extracurricular Activities 4.300  
Attendance 6.200

First Reading - TSBA Recommendation