

Students properly enrolled in the District's secondary schools may participate in interscholastic athletic competition sponsored by the District under the following guidelines:

1. Subdivision (e) of Section 135.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education will serve as the basic guideline for administering the District's interscholastic athletic program including its student eligibility standards.
2. Girls may participate on the same team with boys in interscholastic competition, and boys with girls, in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, eligibility standards of the NYSPHSAA, and Federal Title IX regulations.
3. The District will use the selection/classification process in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, in establishing eligibility for team membership for all seventh and eighth grade students who wish to compete on 9th grade, junior varsity, or varsity teams and for all 9th grade students who wish to compete on junior varsity and varsity teams and there is a 9th grade team. Senior High students with disabling conditions will be eligible for ninth grade teams if their physiological development is determined to be appropriate for such competition. The determination of whether or not students are ready to participate in inter-school athletic competition at a particular competitive level based on their stage of physiological maturity shall be made in accordance with standards developed by the Commissioner of Education.
4. The District Director of Physical Education and Athletics will be responsible for the collection, submission, and the maintenance of data required by the selection/classification procedures established by the Commissioner of Education.
5. Athletes applying for special status under the Selection/Classification Program must have parental consent and the approval of the team coach; demonstrate an appropriate degree of physical maturity, fitness, and skill in relationship to other pupils on the team, as stipulated by the Commissioner's Regulations for the program; and be given approval by the School Medical Officer. Applications must also be approved by the District Director of Physical Education and Athletics and the Principal.

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