

Fullerton School District

Board Policy

Athletic Competition

BP 6145.2

Instruction

Board Adopted: February 21, 2017

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the District's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

The Board encourages business and community support for District athletic programs, subject to applicable District policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The District's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practice prohibited by State and federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females.

Any complaint regarding the District's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the District's uniform complaint procedures.

Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for participation in the District athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement and residency, shall be the same as those set by the District for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program.

Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions.

Students and staff may subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

Coaches and appropriate District employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

In the event that an injury occurs, the coach or other appropriate District employee shall observe universal precautions and shall remove the student athlete from the activity and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48930-48938 Student organizations

49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity

49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries

PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural and club activities

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.31 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities

106.33 Comparable facilities

106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Final Guidance: AB 1266, Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students, Privacy Programs, Activities and Facilities, March 2014

Student Fees Litigation Update, Education Legal Alliance Advisory, May 20, 2011

A Guide to Equity in Athletics

Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan, 2006

Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA; <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: <http://www.nocsae.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

CSBA Revisions
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