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## INTER-SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The School Board believes individual students will benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contributions to team effort made possible through competitive inter-school and intramural team and individual sports activities.

It is the Board's policy to provide inter-scholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Students shall be allowed to participate in school-sponsored sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire. Qualified personnel should be provided for coaching and supervising such programs. In addition, it is the policy of the Board to provide intramural athletic activities as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education and commensurate with the grade level of the students involved.

The purpose of school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many boys and girls as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration. This should be done without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school community.

It is recognized that a well-organized and well-conducted athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of a school student body and an important phase of good community-school relations. Too great an emphasis on winning contests or too consistent a record of losing them are both harmful to the development of good attitudes among students and the public.

### Policy Conditions

1. No pupil shall be eligible for inter-scholastic athletics unless there is on file in the school, a physician's statement certifying that the pupil has passed a pre-participation physical examination prior to the beginning of the pupil's high school career and two years thereafter. In every year thereafter, each athlete shall complete an athletic medical history and emergency information packet. Any pupil significantly ill or injured during this interim should be re-examined by a physician or the school doctor in order to be eligible. The physical examination for athletic participation shall be at the expense of the parent.
2. The athletic program is an integral part of the school curriculum and comes under the authority of the principal to the same degree as do all other phases of the curriculum.
3. Those coaches having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the Board and administration, including such matters as schedules,

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financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.

4. The High School is a member of the New Hampshire Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA). The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic program is determined in accordance with NHIAA regulations and local School Board Policy.
5. Expenditures for the athletic program are incorporated as part of the general budget of the Board. Coaches of each sport will submit their budgetary needs to the athletic director for the next year, and the latter will present the total athletic budget request to the principal for approval and inclusion in the general budget. No expenditures for athletic purposes may be made in excess of those approved in the budget without approval of the Superintendent.
6. District participation in inter-scholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the Board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, and of rules for student participation and annual sport schedules.
7. Medical Insurance against accident or injury shall be provided by the parents for students engaging in interscholastic athletics, except that some co-insurance for athletes will be included in the school budget.
8. Transportation - All buses will be ordered by the Director of Athletics. The coach should inform the Athletic Director as to the time he wants the bus. It is the responsibility of the coach to have his/her squad members ready to board the bus at the designated time. The coach must maintain proper supervision of squad members so as to ensure safety and maintenance of bus at all times.

No athletic team will be transported in private cars for any reason unless prior approval is given in writing by the Athletic Director or Principal. Buses will be scheduled for all games. Students who are members of athletic teams who go to a contest on the bus must return on the bus with only one exception; a coach may turn over responsibility of a student's return to a student's own parents if such a request is made to the coach by the parent. It is the coach's sole responsibility to see that this regulation is carried out.

9. The "Athletic Student Handbook" of Timberlane Regional High School, latest edition, is adopted as the official statement of rules and regulations to govern coaches and students. Any change must be approved by the Principal and the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall bring any policy change recommendations to the School Board for approval.