

**Richmond School District Policy Statement**  
**Interscholastic Athletics**

**Policy #: 377**

The Richmond School District believes that student participation in interscholastic athletics and sports are a vital part of a total educational program. The Board of Education encourages the development of a broad, diversified program of interscholastic athletic activities. The goal of each activity shall be to complement the educational philosophy and goals of the district. Care shall be taken to ensure that the nature and conduct of each activity is appropriate to the age and maturation level of the students involved.

1. Definition of Interscholastic Athletics

Interscholastic Athletics are team-based organized sports activities sponsored by the district which occur outside the school day and do not receive academic credit toward promotion and/or graduation.

2. Purposes of Participating in Interscholastic Athletics

The purposes of participating in interscholastic athletics are three-fold:

- 1) To promote physical fitness
- 2) To teach athletic skills and maneuvers unique to each designated sport
- 3) To teach team-based skills, good sportsmanship, game rules, and the rules of competitive play

Student involvement in interscholastic athletic activities is considered to be a privilege, with accompanying responsibilities and expectations.

The Administration shall be responsible for the establishment of a code of conduct that regulates student participation in interscholastic athletic activities, conduct of visiting adults, and guidelines for advisors and coaches. Students must adhere to all rules and regulations established for participation in each activity. Students or coaches who violate school and/or activity rules or regulations shall be subject to disciplinary action.

It is the policy of the Richmond School District pursuant to s.118.13, Wis. Stats., and PI9 that no person on the basis of sex, race, national origin ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability be denied admission to any school in the District or be denied participation in, benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational, or other program.

Wisconsin Statutes	118.13	
	118.113	
	120.12(23)	
	120.13(1)	PI9.03(1) (WI Administrative Code)

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