

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: JJIB
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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Oyster River School Board will offer interscholastic athletics subject to budgetary considerations. The purpose of interscholastic athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many pupils as reasonably possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration. This should be done in conjunction with the academic program.

Participation in interscholastic athletics is subject to the rules adopted by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association and other rules adopted by the superintendent and principal.

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

It is the board's policy to provide interscholastic 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.

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 and 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 student may start practice for any athletic team until written consent has been obtained from the parent/guardian and has met the physical examination requirements as outlined within policy JLCA. Any injured/ill student out for three or more days under a physician's care must provide written authorization from the physician to resume athletic practice and play.
2. The athletic program comes under the authority of the principal.
3. Those teachers 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, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.
4. 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 school 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.
5. District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences and rules for student participation.
6. Insurance against accident or injury shall be provided by the parents for students engaging in interscholastic athletics.

Cross Reference: JJA- Student Activities, Clubs and Organizations
JJIB – A – Spectator and Parent Expectations and Procedure JJIB-A-R
Student-Athlete/Parent Handbook

Legal References: Title IX Guidelines
NHIAA Rules and Regulations