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ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

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The Fairfield Board of Education believes that athletic programs and competition play an important role in fostering the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of students. In keeping with its mission, goals and objectives, the Fairfield Public School System's Athletic Program will provide student-athletes with opportunities for such growth by offering competitive interscholastic and intramural team sports. It is intended that students will have an educational, worthwhile, and memorable experience while enjoying the fun, teamwork, and friendships that come from playing school sports.

The program is based on high standards of honesty, fairness, equity, self-discipline, teamwork and good sportsmanship. These expectations apply to both student-athletes and coaches.

As the purpose of school athletics is both developmental and recreational, the athletic program should encourage participation by as many students as possible and be carried out with the best interests of the participants as the primary consideration. Coaches should recognize that participation must not unreasonably interfere with other obligations in the school, community and home, e.g., homework, the observance of religious customs. The Fairfield Public School System adheres to all regulations of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), the regulatory agency for high school interscholastic athletic programs in Connecticut. The Board directs the administration to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Legal References: 10-149 Qualifications for coaches of intramural and interscholastic athletics.
Stratton, PPA v. St. Joseph's High School, Bridgeport Superior Court, June 4, 1986 (12 CT 26)9/87.
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, "Dear Colleague Letter," 113 LRP 3326 (OCR 1/25/13)

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