

# Lakeland Board of Education

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| Monitoring:<br><b>Review: Annually,<br/>in November</b> | Descriptor Term:<br><b>Interscholastic Athletics</b> | Descriptor Code:<br><b>4.301</b> | Issued Date: |
|   |  | Rescinds:                        | Issued:      |

1 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated  
2 differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of the school. Equal  
3 athletic opportunities shall be provided for members of both sexes.<sup>1</sup>

4 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be the principal's  
5 responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport are reasonable.  
6 Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal or his/ her designee must  
7 accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board, provided  
8 the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage.

9 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control of  
10 athletics.<sup>2</sup>

11 In the event that the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to an athlete, that athlete must provide  
12 proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage and liability coverage, with the school system as a named  
13 insured, of not less than the limits set forth in TCA § 29-20-403.

14 Prior to participation in interscholastic athletics, every student must complete an annual physical examination.<sup>3</sup>  
15 The parents/guardians of each student shall be responsible for covering the cost of the examination, and these  
16 records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian to provide  
17 health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic athletics.

18 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any group of  
19 students for the purpose of attending the practice of any interscholastic sport during the school day without written  
20 permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the daily  
21 school program.<sup>4</sup>

22 **Students shall not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a**  
23 **school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious**  
24 **holiday. The student's parent or legal guardian shall notify the coach in writing three (3) full school days**  
25 **prior to the event if a student will not participate in a school athletic event due to one of the**  
26 **aforementioned reasons.<sup>5</sup>**

27 Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone or tolerate  
28 hazing activities.<sup>5</sup>

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## Legal References

1. Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972,  
20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. ; 34 CFR § 106.41
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.08(1)

3. 3. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)
4. 4. TCA 49-6-1002
5. 5. TCA 49-2-120