



SECTION: PROGRAMS

POLICY: 122.3

**TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETICS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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COMMITTEE:**

I. PURPOSE

The opportunity provided by Wissahickon School District for middle school students to represent their school and community through participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. Participation in middle school athletics offers students significant lifetime learning experiences that are not duplicated in other areas of the total educational program.

II. DEFINITIONS

None.

III. POLICY

- A. The District's middle school interscholastic athletic program is meant to be non-competitive and is considered to be developmental in nature. It is the philosophy at the middle school level that everyone interested in participating will be included. If the total number of participants reaches an unsafe or unsupervisable level, and if fields/facilities, equipment, transportation, and supplies are available, the coach will divide the group of students and create an intramural/club team as a supplement to the overall program.
- B. Each athletic program should have:
 - a. A purpose in the organization and development of an athletic program, which will promote and protect the physical welfare of all participants.
 - b. Rules and regulations that adhere to and allow the enforcement of the applicable P.I.A.A. – mandated rules as a member school of the governing organization.
 - c. An organizational plan that allows for a seventh and an eighth grade team. Football will be organized according to weight limits established by the league.
 - d. A minimum of one coach per team to afford our student-athletes the proper supervision, ensuring their skill development, safety, and well-being.
 - e. The athletic program will be re-examined and coaches evaluated annually. Adjustments and refinements to the total athletic program will be addressed based on the needs of individual teams.
 - f. Exceptions to these procedures will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative guidelines designed to implement this policy.

V. REFERENCES

24 P.S. 510

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