

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The athletic program in the Appleton Area School District (AASD) is recognized as an integral part of the total educational program. All students shall be afforded with an equal opportunity to participate in school athletic programs and activities.

The AASD sponsors interscholastic athletic activities to provide students with additional opportunities for personal growth, self-discipline, skill development, cooperation with others, creativity and enjoyment. The proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play should always be emphasized. Although the interscholastic athletic program is a valuable part of the total educational experience, participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege with accompanying responsibilities. As such, all student athletes must comply with all rules and regulations established by the Board of Education and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) in order to continue participation in athletic activities.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop, with the cooperation of principals, athletic directors, and coaches, necessary rules, regulations and guidelines for the interscholastic athletics program.

The AASD shall not discriminate in admission to any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or physical, cognitive, emotional or learning disability in its education programs or activities.

This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District, or from providing separate toilet, locker, and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Cross References: Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities and Programs, 370
Grade 7 – 12 Co-Curricular Code
Student Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures, 411.2-Rule

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes 120.12 (23), 120.13 (1) (a)
Wisconsin Administrative Code, PI 9.03

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