Interscholastic Activities-Athletic Programs

The Prince William County School Board supports sound educational programs in intramural and interscholastic athletics as integral parts of a comprehensive health and physical education program.

Intramural and interscholastic athletic programs shall be designed to meet the needs of all students who participate. Programs shall be organized and administered based on sound educational objectives. The welfare of the participants, rather than the pressure to win, shall be the primary consideration in all intramural and interscholastic activities.

Good sportsmanship, defined as the behavior of administrators, coaches, student athletes, students, teachers, and community members in a manner that brings respect and credit to the individual, school, and community, shall receive special emphasis in the interscholastic athletic program.

Elementary school students are restricted to intramural competition only.

Middle schools shall subscribe to the rules and regulations developed by the Athletic Council, composed of the middle school principals and the Supervisor of Student Activities, to the policies, regulations, and procedures approved by the Prince William County School Board and/or the school administration, and to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Interscholastic athletics at the high school level shall be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations established by the Virginia High School League, with policies, regulations, and procedures approved by the Prince William County School Board and/or the school administration, and with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

The Prince William County School Board believes that athletic programs of a recreational nature are an important part of the community life of Prince William County and encourages the cooperation of schools with recreational groups and agencies.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

Legal References:
Title IX of The Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; Regulations of the United States Dept. of Education, 34 C.F.R. § 106.41
Virginia Code §§ 22.1-78; 22.1-276.3; Regulations of the Virginia Dept. of Education, 8 VAC 20-240-10

Other Reference:
Virginia High School League Handbook

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