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SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Athletics are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. Therefore, the Board supports within its resources a broad sports program with equal access for both males and females, with emphasis on participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity. The District will comply with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding Title IX equal opportunity for males and females in the District's total athletic program.

The interscholastic athletic program shall conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Eligibility for interscholastic athletic competition requires that the students:

- a) Provide written parental/guardian consent;
- b) Pass satisfactorily the medical examination administered by the school physician or the student's personal physician. The school physician retains final approval on all physicals performed by the student's personal physician; and
- c) Meet the requirements for interscholastic competition as set forth by the Commissioner's Regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Vestal Central School District, Section IV, and STAC.

Student Athletic Injuries

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if he/she is suffering from an injury or concussion. A student who sustains a concussion shall be treated consistent with the District's concussion management policy. A coach's responsibility is to see that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention, and that all details of a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition.

A physician's certificate is required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

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Athletic Program - Safety

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- a) Requiring medical examinations of participants;
- b) Obtaining appropriately certified and/or licensed officials to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games; and
- c) Supplying equipment that is both safe and operative within approved guidelines; and
- d) Compliance with Automated External Defibrillator usage guidelines.

Athletic Placement Process

Seventh and eighth grade pupils shall be permitted to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process (APP) established in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the requested sport and level. The Head Coach and Athletic Director shall oversee the APP.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 United States Code (USC) Section 1681 et seq.
45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 86
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135
Historical Notes: 7.4-1 Membership in STAC 4/19/66
7.4-2 Admission Prices for Athletic Events 9/27/88
7.4-3 Reserved Section-Home Football Games 7/28/87
7.4-8 Eligibility Standards for Athletic Teams 11/25/80
7.5-1 Use of Trampoline 11/12/63
7.5-2 Athletic Code 7/23/74
7.5-6 Interscholastic Athletics First Aid 6/24/75
Adopted 5/8/12
Amended 12/3/13
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Amended 10/22/19