

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee believes individual students will benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contribution to team effort made possible through competitive inter-school and intramural team and individual sports activities.

It is the School Committee's policy to provide interscholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Students shall be allowed to participate in school sponsored sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire. Qualified personnel should be provided for coaching and supervising such programs. In addition, it is the policy of the School Committee to provide intramural athletic activities as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education and commensurate with the grade level of the students involved.

The purpose of school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration. This should be done without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school community.

It is recognized that a well-organized and well-conducted athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of a school student body and an important phase of good community/school relations. Too great an emphasis on winning contests or too consistent a record of losing them are both harmful to the development of good attitudes among students and the public.

### Policy Conditions:

1. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he/she has been examined and approved by a medical doctor and until written consent has been obtained from the parent.
2. The athletic program is an integral part of the school curriculum and comes under the authority of the principal to the same degree as do all other phases of the curriculum.
3. Those teachers having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the School Committee and administration, including such matters as schedules, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.
4. Wells High School is a member of the MSSPA and in all athletic matters will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations that body and to the philosophy of sports which MSSPA encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic program is determined in accordance with MSSPA locally developed regulations.
5. Expenditures for the athletic program are incorporated as part of the general budget of the School Committee. Coaches of each sport will submit their budgetary needs to the Director of Student Activities for the next school year and the latter will present the total athletic budget request to the principal for approval and inclusion in the general budget. No expenditures for athletic purposes may be made in excess of those approved in the budget without approval of the Superintendent.
6. District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the School Committee. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences of rules for student participation and of annual sports schedules.

7. Insurance against accident or injury shall be provided by the parents for students engaging in interscholastic athletics.

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