

GEORGIA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Georgia Elementary Middle School

PROCEDURE: Interscholastic Sports, Clubs, and Activities

The District will provide an interscholastic athletic program for boys and girls to complement and supplement their educational programs. All school sponsored activities will be under the ultimate control of the District and will comply with all policies and procedures of the school.

Implementation

Athletic programs should meet the following criteria:

1. Programs should provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. Programs should provide athletic facilities and opportunities for participation on an equal basis for girls and boys.
3. Programs should employ qualified personnel in coaching and supervision positions.
4. Programs should stress the educational as well as recreational benefits derived from participation in interscholastic sports.
5. Programs should conform fully with the rules and regulations of the Vermont Principals' Association.

The District will make determinations related to individual activities to be included in the athletic program based on the following considerations:

- The level of student interest in participating in an activity;
- The level of community interest in an activity;
- The impact of adding or eliminating an activity on the balance of opportunities for girls and boys to participate in the total athletic program;
- The potential of the activity to remain competitive with other participating schools; and
- The availability of qualified personnel to coach and supervise the activity.

The controlling factor in deciding whether an activity will be sponsored by the school will be whether that activity is directly related to the school's curriculum. No activity which is not directly related to the curriculum or educational mission of the school will receive sponsorship, regardless of whether it meets the other criteria for sponsorship.

Activities or clubs which meet at least one of the following criteria will be considered curriculum related.

- The subject matter of the student group or club is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly scheduled course.
- The subject matter of the group or club is such that it concerns the body of courses as a whole.
- Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
- Participation in the group results in academic credit.

The following criteria for eligibility for participation in interscholastic sports are intended to set standards for academic eligibility:

1. Students should have passing grades in courses taken during the previous marking period.
2. Students should be in good disciplinary standing as determined by the Principal.
3. Students should be in regular attendance and should be in attendance on the day of the event unless excused by the Principal.
4. Students will also meet the criteria set forth in the guidelines of the Vermont Principals' Association.

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