

**DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS**  
***(Athletics—K-12 Districts)***

The interscholastic athletic program of the district will be organized under the following guidelines:

1. The district athletic program is an integral part of the district's overall program and comes under the authority of the principal.
2. The district's participation in interscholastic athletics, including membership in any leagues, associations or conferences, is subject to approval by the Board.
3. The district is a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and will adhere firmly to MSHSAA's rules and regulations and the philosophy of interscholastic athletics that MSHSAA encourages.
4. Students must meet all eligibility requirements established by the district and, when applicable, MSHSAA.
5. Students may not practice for or otherwise participate in any athletic program until they have provided certification that they are physically able to participate in athletics. The certificate must be signed by a physician or a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant in collaboration with a physician.
6. The district will require a release from a healthcare provider before allowing a student to participate in athletics if the district is aware of an injury or illness that could be exacerbated by participation.
7. Students with suspected concussions or brain injuries will only be allowed to participate in accordance with law.
8. Students may not participate in athletics until all required documents have been submitted, including parent/guardian consent forms.
9. The district will, on an annual basis, distribute information about concussions and brain injuries to each student participating in district athletic activities along with a form for acknowledging receipt of the information. The form must be signed and returned to the district by the parent/guardian, or the student if he or she is at least 18 years old or otherwise legally permitted to contract, before the student will be permitted to participate in any athletic practice or competition.

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10. Students who participate in the district's athletic activities must provide proof of accident and injury insurance coverage, or equivalent coverage by some other means, prior to participation.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this administrative area.***

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Cole County R-I School District, Russellville, Missouri