## Franklin County Board of Education

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## **Interscholastic Athletics**

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No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of the school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes.<sup>1</sup>

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Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be the principal's responsibility. Principles shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport are reasonable. Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal or his/her designee must accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board, provided the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage.

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Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control of secondary athletics.<sup>2</sup>

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The athlete must provide proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage and liability coverage, with the school system as a named insured, of not less than the limits set forth in TCA § 29-20-403.

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Prior to participation in interscholastic athletics, every student must complete an annual physical examination.<sup>3</sup> Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic athletics.

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No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football, basketball or any similar game within the regular school hours of any school day of the week without written permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the daily school program. <sup>4</sup>

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Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities.<sup>5</sup>

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Legal References:

1. Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972, U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.; 34 CFR§106.41

- 2. TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.08(1)
- 3. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)
- 4. TCA 49-6-1002
- 5. TCA 49-2-120

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Cross Reference:

Student Insurance Program 3.601