

Santa Barbara School Districts

Administrative Regulation

AR 6145.1

Instruction

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Establishing Interscholastic Teams

The interscholastic athletic program conducted at all high schools is reviewed annually. Any changes to be made as a result of budget considerations will be reflected in the adopted budget. The number of teams allowed to represent each high school is determined by the Board of Education. Expenditures for teams will be funded by the budget and supplemented by the ASB account. Donations by booster clubs and other sources must receive prior approval of the Board of Education and may not include compensation for coaches or staff.

Supervision of Athletic Teams

The high school principal, with appropriate assistance from the district personnel and school athletic department, will secure an acceptable, competent coaching staff to be presented to the Board of Education for approval. The principal will verify each coach as a properly certificated coach to the Director of Personnel before a team meets, practices or competes under the direction of the coach. Each high school principal shall verify in writing to the Director of Instructional Support Services prior to the first performance or competition of each season that all students in extracurricular/co-curricular activities are eligible as defined by policy and administrative regulation.

The principal is responsible for exercising authority over all aspects of the school's participation in interscholastic programs and may cancel or terminate any scheduled athletic event at any time.

If the principal determines that a coach meeting necessary qualifications or a sufficient number of students or adequate competition is not available for an authorized team, the principal shall notify the Superintendent or designee in writing. After review, the Superintendent or his designee may cancel the team with approval by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Except for the above circumstances, each high school will annually field all the teams authorized in the district budget.

Authorization for Additional Items

Recognizing that at times student and parent interest may suggest the advisability of forming a new or additional team not covered in the district budget, a high school principal may present a written request to the Superintendent insuring that:

1. There is sufficient student interest to field a team.
2. Competent coaching is available.
3. An adequate competitive schedule can be obtained.
4. An adequate balance of opportunity for boys and girls will be maintained with the formation of the team.
5. Local funds are available for total support of the team for one season (budget, including source of funds must be attached).
6. There is sufficient time to activate a team within league structure or free lance participation.

If the request ultimately receives approval of the Board and the team in question is formed, it will be part of the existing athletic program of that school for one season and will follow all rules and regulations of an athletic team in the school and district.

Should the principal determine that an additional athletic team is no longer advisable, the principal will notify the Superintendent or his designee citing the reasons for the requested termination. The Superintendent will send the request to the board with an appropriate recommendation. Other high schools are to be notified of the pending change by the Superintendent.

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