

9162 ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Education promotes good sportsmanship, as defined in Policy 5570, at all school sponsored youth sports events. For the purposes of this Policy, "youth sports event" means a competition, practice or instructional event involving one or more interscholastic sport teams sponsored by this Board of Education, as defined in N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq., the Board prohibits any person, including any pupil, coach, parent/guardian or other person, at a school sponsored youth sports event, and any other event related to school sport programs, from engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any pupil, coach, official, parent or other person. Any person who engages in such behavior, or who initiates a fight or scuffle with any pupil, coach, official, parent or other person while at or in connection with a school sponsored youth sports event and any other event related to school sports programs, shall be banned from school-sponsored youth sports events.

The Board directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop and maintain a Code of Conduct that at a minimum requires all pupils, coaches and officials to refrain from verbal or physical threats or abuse directed at any pupil, coach, official, parent or other person and from initiating a fight or scuffle with any pupil, coach, official, parent or other person while at or in connection with a school sponsored youth sports event, and any other event related to school sports programs. The Board further directs that all pupils, coaches and officials seeking participation in school sponsored athletic programs sign a copy of this Code of Conduct as a condition of participation.

A pupil, coach or official found to have violated the Code of Conduct shall be banned from attending any subsequent school sponsored youth sports events and any other event related to school sports programs. Individuals banned from attendance for violations of the Code of Conduct may petition the Superintendent for permission to resume attendance. Such petitions will require the individual to present proof of completion of anger management counseling.

The Board directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop regulations that ensure that the district complies with any requirements of the New Jersey Attorney General with respect to a model Code of Conduct and the minimum requirements for anger management counseling as required in N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq. and this policy.

N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq.

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