

# Tennessee School Boards Association

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in November</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Interscholastic Athletics</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>4.301</b>	Issued Date:
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be  
2 treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of  
3 the school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes.<sup>1</sup>  
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5 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be the  
6 principal's responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations regarding participation in a sport  
7 are reasonable. Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office. The principal or his/  
8 her designee must accompany an athletic team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is  
9 approved by the Board, provided the team's school reimburses the Board for mileage.  
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11 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control  
12 of secondary athletics.<sup>2</sup>  
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14 In the event that the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to an athlete, that athlete must  
15 provide proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage, and liability coverage, with the school  
16 system as a named insured, of not less than the limits set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-20-403.<sup>3</sup>  
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18 There shall be a complete annual physical examination of every student prior to his/her participation in  
19 interscholastic athletics.<sup>4</sup> Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student.  
20 These records shall be on file in the principal's office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or  
21 guardian to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic  
22 athletics.  
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24 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any  
25 group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football, basketball  
26 or any similar game within the regular school hours of any school day of the week without written  
27 permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in  
28 the daily school program.<sup>5</sup>  
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Legal References:

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35 1. Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972,  
36 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. ; 34 CFR § 106.41  
37 2. TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.08(1)  
38 3. Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-20-403(b)(4)  
39 4. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)  
40 5. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1002  
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