

Obion County Board of Education

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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 opportunities shall be provided for members of both sexes.¹

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

9 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and control
 10 of athletics.²

11 In the event that the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to an athlete, that athlete must
 12 provide proof of independently secured catastrophic coverage and liability coverage, with the school
 13 system as a named insured, of not less than the limits set forth in TCA § 29-20-403.

14 Prior to participation in interscholastic athletics, every student must complete an annual physical
 15 examination.³ The parents/guardians of each student shall be responsible for covering the cost of the
 16 examination, and these records shall be on file in the principal’s office. It shall be the responsibility of
 17 the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all students participating
 18 in interscholastic athletics.

19 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the board shall dismiss his/her school or any
 20 group of students for the purpose of **attending** the practice or game **of any interscholastic sport** during
 21 the school day without written permission from the Director of Schools. This does not prevent the
 22 inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the daily school program.⁴

23 **Students shall not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a**
 24 **school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious**
 25 **holiday. The student’s parent or legal guardian shall notify the coach in writing three (3) full school days**
 26 **prior to the event.**⁵

27 **Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone, or**
 28 **tolerate hazing activities.**⁶

Legal References

1. 34 CFR § 106.41
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.08(1)
3. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)
4. TCA 49-6-1002
5. Public Acts of 2017, Chapter No. 260
6. TCA 49-2-120

Cross References

Attendance 6.200
Student Insurance Program 3.601