

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The School Committee believes that students will benefit from the experiences in self-discipline and team effort made possible through participation in inter-school sports.

Participation in interscholastic athletics will be subject to approval by the School Committee and will be in accordance with regulations and recommendations of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

At the high school level, interscholastic athletic competition will include a variety of sports. High school students will be allowed to participate in individual sports on the basis of their abilities and desire. Additionally, intramural athletic activities may be offered as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education.

The purpose of the middle school athletic program is to develop and enhance teamwork skills and good sportsmanship, to encourage life-long fitness and physical well being, and to provide additional opportunities for students to develop their self-esteem. School administrators will encourage maximum participation in middle school athletics and will create roster sizes that are optimal for maximizing the player development, exercise, fitness, instruction, competition, safety and proper oversight. Determining factors for creating and maintaining rosters will include academic achievement, sportsmanship, teamwork, ability, commitment and experience.

The School Committee is aware that team participation in athletic contests by members of the student body requires that “away games” be scheduled. It also recognizes that there is a need to regulate certain aspects of student participation in such contests. Therefore, the Superintendent will establish regulations to ensure the safety and well being of students and staff members who participate in these activities.

Source: MASC Policy

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