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1) General Policy Statement

The Board recognizes the value to the Corporation and to the community of a program of interscholastic athletics for as many students as feasible.

The program of interscholastic athletics should provide students the opportunity to exercise and test their athletic abilities in a context greater and more varied than that which can be offered by a school or the School Corporation alone.

The program should foster the growth of school loyalty with the student body as a whole and stimulate community interest in athletics.

Game activities and practice sessions should provide many opportunities to teach the values of competition and good sportsmanship.

The Board subscribes to the administrative guidelines of the Indiana High School Athletic Association so long as the Association complies with the requirements of IC 20- 26-14-5 but maintains responsibility for enforcement of all rules.

2) ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

Students who desire to participate on interscholastic athletic teams will do so on a volunteer basis with the understanding that it is a privilege and not a right to be a member of a school team.

All students are invited to try out for participation, but no student is guaranteed a position on a team, particularly at the varsity level. The Corporation will compete in

interscholastic athletics sanctioned by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

All Edison student athletes will abide by all standards of the School and the IHSAA, including, but not limited to, the following:

a. **Physicals**

Each student must submit a completed physical evaluation form to their school's athletic director and/or athletic trainer prior to participating in athletic programming.

The IHSAA Pre-participation Physical Evaluation (PPE) is the form that all IPS student athletes must use. The form is designed to identify risk factors prior to athletic participation by way of a thorough medical history and physical examination. Participants must meet the following requirements when completing the PPE Form:

- i. The most current version of the IHSAA PPE Form must be used and may not be altered or modified in any way (available for download at www.ihsaa.org);
- ii. The PPE Form must be signed by a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant only after the medical history is reviewed, the examination performed, and the PPE Form completed in its entirety. No pre-signed or pre-stamped forms will be accepted.

b. **Academics**

Each student must conform to the eligibility requirements set forth by the Constitution and By-Laws of the IHSAA (Rule 18-1). To be eligible scholastically, students must have received passing grades and earned credit at the end of their last grading period in school in at least seventy percent (70%) of the maximum number of full credit subjects that a student can take and must be currently Enrolled in at least seventy percent of the maximum number of full credit subjects that a student can take.

The School's priority is the academic wellbeing of all students. With that in mind, all student athletes whose grade point average is below a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for the grading period immediately prior to the sports season or falls below a 2.0 at any point during the sports season will be required to participate in study tables each school day that a practice takes place. Study tables will be mandated for said student through the remainder of the season or until the student's grade point average rises to or above a 2.5.

The duration and format of required study tables will be determined by the Executive Director (or designee) and will be monitored by personnel as designated by the school principal.

c. **Attendance**

A student must attend all classes a minimum of ninety percent (90%) during the semester immediately preceding the season and during the season. A waiver to this provision can be granted only by the Executive Director upon presentation of documentation of serious illness, injury, or other extraordinary reasons. This documentation must include, in the event of illness or injury, a statement from a physician describing the nature of the medical condition that prevented the student athlete from attending classes and a certification of the student athlete's ability to participate in the requested sport.

d. **Behavior**

Recognizing that participation on an interscholastic team in Edison is a privilege, student athletes will be held to high conduct standards that apply during school day, athletic contests and practices, and all other school related functions. Behavioral expectations and consequences for student athletes are established by the school principal.