

**PARTICIPATION OF MALE AND FEMALE PUPILS
ON INTERSCHLASTIC TEAMS**

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

Equal opportunity to participate in interscholastic competition, either on separate teams or in mixed competition on the same team, shall be provided to male and female students, except as provided in this policy where separate competition for male and female students in a specific sport is not provided. No students shall be excluded from such competition solely by reason of sex, except as set forth in this policy.

MIXED COMPETITION

In the sports of baseball, softball, boxing, Field Hockey, football, ice hockey, Lacrosse, rugby, soccer, Softball, speedball, team handball, power Volleyball where the height of the net is set at less than eight feet, and wrestling, the fitness of a given student to participate in mixed competition shall be determined by a review panel consisting of the school physician, a physical education teachers designated by the principal of the school and if requested by the parents of the pupil, a physical selected by such parents. Such panel shall make its determination by majority vote of the members, and In accordance with standards and criteria issued by the department.

**FEMALES PARTICIPATING ON MALE TEAMS WHERE THERE IS SEPARATE
INTERSCHOLASTIC SCHOOL COMPETITION**

Where there is a male and female team in interscholastic athletic competition in a specific sport, the Superintendent of Schools may permit a female or females to participate on a team organized for males. The female must make application to the Superintendent at least 30 calendar days before the commencement of that sport season, indicating why it would be appropriate for the female to participate on the male team. The Superintendent shall make a determination within ten calendar days of receipt of application whether to grant the request. If the request is denied, the student may petition the Board of Education within five days of the denial, for a consideration of the decision of the Superintendent.

APPLICATION BY A MALE TO PARTICIPATE ON A FEMALE ORGANIZED TEAM

Where separate competition is provided for males and females, males may not participate on teams organized for females. In sports where there is no male team in interscholastic competition, the Superintendent may decline to permit a male or males to participate on a team organized for females upon determining that such participation would have significant adverse effect upon the opportunity for females to participate successfully in interscholastic competition in the sport. Any application by a male shall be submitted to the Superintendent 30 calendar days before the commencement of the season in that sport. The Superintendent shall issue a decision within ten days of the receipt of the application. The Superintendent shall consider the number of females who have tried out for the team that year, whether there are any slots available upon the team and, the relative abilities of the applicant and other members upon the team. If the application is denied, the applicant may apply to the Board of Education, within ten calendar days of the denial by the Superintendent, for a review of the decision of the Superintendent.

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