## Board Policy I-15: Interscholastic Athletics and Extracurricular Activities



## **REFERENCES**

I-15: Administrative Procedures, Interscholastic Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Utah Code Ann. §53G-8-209, Extracurricular Activities

<u>Utah Admin. Code R277-438-3, Private and Home School Student Participation in Public School Course, Co-curricular Activity, or Program</u>

<u>Utah Admin. Code R277-494, Charter, Online, Home, and Private School Student Participation in Extracurricular or Cocurricular School Activities</u>

Utah Admin. Code R277-605, Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics

Utah High School Activities Association Handbook, Bylaws

I-2: Administrative Procedures, Graduation Requirements

## THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes the benefits that involvement in student government, interscholastic athletics, and extracurricular activities (collectively "student activities") can provide to students, and therefore encourages all students to participate in such activities. These activities can support a balanced educational program, improve regular school attendance, provide students with leadership and teambuilding skills, and contribute to the development of well-rounded citizens. The district provides access to a wide variety of student activities including interscholastic athletics and activities sponsored by the Utah High School Activities Association, extracurricular activities sponsored by individual schools, and other after-school programs and classes offered through the district. Parents and students are reminded, however, that participation in all student activities is a privilege, not a right.

The purpose of this policy is to encourage student activities which enhance and extend student learning and experiences beyond the academic courses offered in school. All student activities must be carefully planned, conducted, and supervised in accordance with applicable state and local laws and board policies.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying <u>administrative</u> <u>procedures</u>.

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations/Title IX Coordinator, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.