



## Chico Unified School District

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### ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Board of Education recognizes that the **district's** athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social and emotional well-being **and character development** of participating students, ~~and provides them with an opportunity to learn beneficial character development skills.~~ The **district's** athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

*(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)*

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*

*(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)*

*(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*

### Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices ~~in accordance with~~ **prohibited** by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

Any complaint ~~regarding~~ **alleging discrimination in** the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with **the district's Uniform Complaint Procedures**. ~~BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.~~

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

### California Interscholastic Federation

Any district school that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall conduct its athletic activities in accordance with CIF bylaws and rules and any applicable district policy and regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.



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The District Superintendent or designee shall annually designate a representative to the local CIF league from each school that participates in CIF sports. The representatives must be Board-approved. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

The designated representative(s) shall vote on issues that impact interscholastic athletics at the league and section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and report regularly to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues related to athletic programs.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

### Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for student participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(cf. 3530 – Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF league athletics satisfy any additional meet CIF eligibility requirements.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

### Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship, adopted by CIF.

Students and staff may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

(cf. 3515.2 – Disruptions)

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 – Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.4 – Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

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### Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in the interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations. (Education Code 35179.4)

In the event of an injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health during or immediately after an athletic activity, such as a concussion or passing out, fainting, or other sign of sudden cardiac arrest, during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other district employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

17580-17581 Football equipment

32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams, especially:

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35161 Powers and duties generally

35179 Interscholastic athletics

35179.1 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program



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35179.5 Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices  
48850 Interscholastic athletics; students in foster care  
48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion  
48930-48938 Student organizations  
49010-49013 Student fees  
49020-49023 Athletic programs; legislative intent, equal opportunity  
49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances  
49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program  
49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries  
49700-49701 Education of children of military families  
51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program  
PENAL CODE  
245.6 Hazing  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs  
4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities  
5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students  
5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34  
106.31 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities  
106.33 Comparable facilities  
106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs  
COURT DECISIONS  
*Mansourian v. Regents of University of California*, (2010) 602 F. 3d 957  
*McCormick v. School District of Mamaroneck*, (2004) 370 F.3d 275  
*Kahn v. East Side Union High School District*, (2004) 31 Cal. 4th 990t  
*Hartzell v. Connell*, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination*, March 2017

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, April 24, 2013*

#### CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

*California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws*

*A Guide to Equity (Equity Handbook)*

*Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation*

*Keep Their Heart in the Game: A Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet for Athletes and Parents/Guardians*

*Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999*

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

*Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports, Tool Kit, June 2010*

*Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports, Tool Kit, July 2007*

*Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) Care Plan, 2006*

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

*Withdrawal of Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students, Dear Colleague Letter, February 22, 2017*

*Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test - Part Three, Dear Colleague Letter, April 20, 2010*

#### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>

National Federation of State High School Associations: <http://www.nfhs.org>

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: <http://www.nocsae.org>

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency: <http://www.usada.org>



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