

# **CURRICULUM**

## **115.00**

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The Mingo County Board of Education believes that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the education program, which provides educational experiences not otherwise offered in the curriculum, thereby contributing to the development of better citizens.

All high schools and middle schools shall be members of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) and shall abide by the rules set forth by the WVSSAC. Each Principal is responsible for the conduct of his/her school's athletic programs.

A wide range of athletic programs shall be offered at each high school depending on student interest and participation, including football, girls volleyball (beginning 2000 - 2001), girls and boys basketball, cheerleading, baseball, softball, tennis and track. Each middle school shall, depending on student interest and participation, offer football, cheerleading, boys and girls basketball. Schools desiring to offer additional sports must request approval from the Superintendent.

The Principal of each school, after consultation with the athletic director and head coach, shall determine the schedule for each sport. Schedules and practices shall meet the equity requirements of Title IX and the instructional requirements of State Policy 2510. Coaches shall be required to attend all practices and games unless excused by the Principal for good reason.

The attendance of school personnel at athletic contests is important to help ensure adequate student and crowd supervision and to promote school spirit. To facilitate this, the Board shall offer free admission to school personnel at games within Mingo County in which their assigned school is playing. Additionally, school

personnel from feeder schools within each high school area shall be offered admission for one-half price to games within Mingo County in which the area high school is playing. School personnel assigned to the central office shall be offered free admission to one designated area high school's athletic contests within Mingo County. Personnel shall be required to show their employee identification and sign in at each athletic contest they attend.

Reference: WVA Code 18-2-25  
WVSSAC Rules  
State Policy 2510

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