

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Interscholastic Competition

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Membership in Voluntary Organizations (NJSIAA)

The NJSBA believes in the importance of board of education membership in voluntary organizations that regulate the conduct of student activities between and among their members, such as the New Jersey State Interscholastic Association (NJSIAA). The shared experiences of student activities such as high school athletics provide fairness in competition, equal opportunity and valuable life lessons that benefit the individuals involved and the State as a whole. *[Authority: DA 6/78-14, 14a, DA 6/93-SR, DA 11/97, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Board of Education Role in Governance of NJSIAA

The NJSBA believes that local boards of education, which operate schools belonging to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA), should involve themselves in the governance of the NJSIAA. *[Authority: BD 9/80, DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Interscholastic Athletic Officials

A. **The NJSBA believes** that well-trained and physically fit sports officials improve the quality of interscholastic athletics, which, in turn, benefits student-athletes across New Jersey. In support of this belief, the NJSBA encourages the NJSIAA to require periodic physical examinations for continuing employment as a school athletic official.

B. **The NJSBA believes** in the importance of the role of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) in the testing, training and evaluation of present and prospective sports officials through their respective officials' chapters. The NJSBA supports a process that provides a structure to receive, evaluate and take action on complaints about officials involved in interscholastic athletic competitions. *[Authority: DA 6/86-1, DA 6/93-SR, DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Cooperative Sports Programs

A. **The NJSBA believes** in the importance of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's (NJSIAA) cooperative sports program that affords greater opportunities for students to participate in interscholastic sports when the student population of their school would not allow either the initiation of such a sport or its continuance.

B. **The NJSBA believes** the NJSIAA should expand its cooperative sport program to include all interscholastic sports and all school districts experiencing declining enrollment patterns. *[Authority: DA 6/86-3, DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

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6171.4 Special education

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