

**Board Policy IDE(3): Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12**

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**Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12**

The Board of Education ("the Board") hereby adopts this policy regulating competitive interscholastic activities.

1. Each middle and high school principal is responsible for properly supervising and regulating competitive interscholastic activities in his or her school and shall ensure that all staff members adhere to the school system's athletic guidelines, this policy, and related rules of the State Board of Education. The principal may delegate responsibility for supervising one or more student activities and clubs to a member or members of his or her professional staff, provided such individuals must act under the principal's direction.
2. A student wishing to participate in interscholastic competitive activities must be enrolled full time in the school that sponsors the competitive activity. (Dual Enrollment students are included in the "enrolled full time" group eligible to compete.)
3. Retention of students for athletic purposes is prohibited by the Gilmer County School System.
4. Each principal of a school covered by this policy is responsible for ensuring and maintaining documentation of adherence to the requirement of this policy.
5. Permission must come from the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee for a coach to have practice on a non-school day (Ex: snow day).

**I. GRADES 9-12 (High School)**

The Gilmer County Board of Education endorses and adopts the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Georgia High School Association (GHSA), including any amendments thereto, as well as those promulgated by the State Board of Education and/or Local Administrative Guidelines and as may be amended, for determining the eligibility of students in grades 9-12 to participate in competitive interscholastic activities. The Superintendent shall require all high schools in the system that sponsor competitive interscholastic activities to access and ensure compliance with the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws.

**II. GRADES 6-8 (Middle School)**

The Gilmer County Board of Education is responsible for regulating competitive interscholastic activities in grades 6-8, and therefore adopts the middle grades requirements set forth in State Board Rule 160-5-1-.18. Competitive Interscholastic Activities in Grades 6-12, as to student eligibility, physical examinations, time restrictions, seasonal practice, special provisions and appeals.

Each principal of a school containing students in grades 6-8 covered by the policy must comply with any local requirements established by the Superintendent or designee to govern interscholastic activities for middle school students.

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