

POLICY TITLE: <b>Physical Education and Athletic Programs for Students With Disabilities</b>		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE:	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED:	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED:
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: <b>School Management</b>		

## I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Board's commitment to promoting and protecting the inclusion of students with disabilities into mainstream physical education and mainstream athletic programs.

## II. Definitions

1. Adapted program means a program that is developed for a student with a disability.
2. Allied sports or unified program means a program that is specifically designed to combine groups of students with and without disabilities together in physical activity.
3. Mainstream athletic program means intramural or interscholastic athletic activity that is developed and offered to students in accordance with criteria established by the State Board.
4. Mainstream physical education program means a physical education program that is developed and offered to students in accordance with criteria established by the State Board.
5. Student with a disability means a student who meets the definition of a "handicapped person" as defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Section 84.3(j).

## III. Policy Statement

- A. All students with disabilities shall have an equal opportunity to:
  1. Participate in mainstream physical education programs.

2. Try out for and, if selected, participate in mainstream athletic programs.
  3. All students with disabilities shall be provided reasonable accommodations necessary to provide students with disabilities with equal opportunity to participate to the fullest extent possible in mainstream physical education and mainstream athletic programs.
- B. Adapted, allied or unified physical education and other athletic programs shall be available **to all students**.
- C. The inclusion of a student with a disability in any mainstream physical education athletic program or other program described in ~~Section 1 and 2~~ **paragraphs “A” and “B”** above shall not be required in the event such inclusion would:
1. Present an objective safety risk to the student or others based on an individualized assessment.
  2. Fundamentally alter the nature of the school’s physical education or mainstream athletic program.
- D. The Superintendent shall establish procedures to implement this policy.

**Board Approval Acknowledged By:**

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