

# KIPP: Nashville Board of Directors

Monitoring:	Descriptor Term:	Policy:	Issued:
Annually	<b>Interscholastic Athletics</b>	4300	12/6/2019

1 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the  
2 benefits of, be treated differently from another person, or otherwise be discriminated  
3 against in any athletic program of the school. Equal athletic opportunities shall be  
4 provided for members of both sexes.

5 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and  
6 shall be the Principal's responsibility. Principals shall ensure that school regulations  
7 regarding participation in a sport are reasonable. Athletic schedules shall be filed in each  
8 school Principal's office. The Principal or his/ her designee must accompany an athletic  
9 team on trips. Transportation of teams to athletic games is coordinated by the Athletic  
10 Director and approved by the Principal.

11 Bylaws of the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation  
12 and control of athletics.

13 Prior to participation in interscholastic athletics, every student must complete an annual  
14 physical examination. The parents/guardians of each student shall be responsible for  
15 covering the cost of the examination, and these records shall be on file in the Principal  
16 school office. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide health  
17 and hospitalization insurance for all students participating in interscholastic athletics.

18 No Principal or teacher of any school under the control of the board shall dismiss his/her  
19 school or any group of students for the purpose of attending the practice of any  
20 interscholastic sport during the school day without written permission from the Principal.  
21 This does not prevent the inclusion of regular physical training lessons in the daily school  
22 program.

23 Students shall not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to  
24 participation on a school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday,  
25 observed day of worship, or religious holiday. The student's parent or legal guardian shall  
26 notify the coach in writing three (3) full school days prior to the event.

27 Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit,  
28 condone, or tolerate hazing activities.