

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 22, 2007

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee D. Colburn, Planning and Policy Committee
Trustee D. Fleming, Planning and Policy Committee, Chair
Trustee S. Hansen, Planning and Policy Committee
Trustee W. Keiver, Planning and Policy Committee

SUBJECT: Review - Board Policy HGDJ.BP - Participation in Interschool
Athletic Activities

ORIGINATOR: T. Parker, Executive Director

RESOURCE
STAFF: David Piercey, Don Zabloski

RECOMMENDATION

That revised Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities (Appendix I) be considered for the third time and approved.

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Board Policy HGDJ.BP - Participation in Athletic Activities was last reviewed in 1998. The goals for the current review are to ensure the board's beliefs, commitments and priorities are reflected within the proposed revised policy and to ensure it also aligns to other relevant policies that have been revised in the intervening period.

In accordance with the board's policy review process, a web survey was made available for public input. The question posed, "do you agree with the proposed reaffirmation of Board Policy HGDJ.BP", received seven staff and one parent responses, with five answers to the affirmative, and three answers commenting that: (1) the policy should make reference to the health benefits derived from physical activities (staff member); (2) the district should have sports clubs operating the interschool athletic programs in order to ensure enough qualified coaches, and to ensure all schools can offer such programs (staff member); and (3) that school athletics might be shutting out equally important activities like Fine Arts (staff member).

This board policy has accordingly been reviewed and revised with reference to this input, with reference to Board Policy HICA.BP – Field Trips, which was significantly revised in 2003 as well as with an intention of reaffirming the board's commitment to providing a safe learning environment for students in all teacher-supervised activities. Additionally, the word "interschool" has been inserted into the policy title in clarification of the intended athletic events. This policy was reviewed by the Planning and Policy Committee on February 18, 2007.

A revised Administrative Regulation, HGDJ.AR, has also been produced (Appendix III). The Regulation was vetted through Superintendent's Council in June 2006 and, with minor revisions, was approved by the superintendent in November 2006.

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APPENDIX I – Proposed Board Policy HGDJ.BP - Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities

APPENDIX II – Existing Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Athletic Activities, showing revisions

APPENDIX III – Administrative Regulation HGDJ.AR – Participation in Interschool Athletics

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Reference(s):

[HGDJ.AR](#) - Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities

[HA.BP](#) - Student Programs

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REVIEW DATE: 11-2011

1. Students meeting their school's criteria for selection shall be given opportunity to participate in interschool athletic activities, provided that facilities and appropriate staff are available to coach and/or supervise.
 2. Schools shall be provided with opportunities to participate in interschool athletic activities through district organized league play and must comply with district administrative regulation [HICA.AR - Field Trips](#).
 3. Other school jurisdictions shall be permitted to participate in a district interschool athletic activity when to do so would not reduce the educational benefits of the activity for district students.
 4. Participation in interleague, provincial, interprovincial and international competitions shall be reviewed with reference to district administrative regulation [HICA.AR - Field Trips](#).
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