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The Board of Education promotes good sportsmanship, as defined in Policy 5570, at all youth sports events in the district. For the purposes of this Policy, "youth sports event" means a competition, practice or instructional event involving one or more interscholastic sport teams sponsored by this Board of Education and as defined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq. any person who

1. Engages in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any pupil, coach, official or parent; or
2. Initiates a fight or scuffle with any pupil, coach, official, parent, or other person if the conduct occurs at or in connection with a school-sponsored youth sports event, shall be banned from being present at subsequent events.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq., the Board will require all pupils, coaches, officials, and/or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of pupils as a condition of participation in all Board sponsored athletic programs sign a Code of Conduct that would require those persons to refrain from verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any pupil, coach, official or other parent, or from initiating any fight or scuffle with any person.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, the Board will ban an individual's presence at any subsequent school sports events for violating the Code of Conduct. In the event an individual is banned from attendance in accordance with the Code of Conduct, that individual may petition the Board for permission to resume attendance. Prior to being permitted to resume attendance, the Board will require the individual to present proof of completion of anger management counseling through a public or private source.



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The Board will comply with requirements of the New Jersey Attorney General, who will promulgate a model Code of Conduct to be used by school districts and will develop the minimum requirements for anger management counseling as required in this Policy and N.J.S.A. 5:17-2 et seq.

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