

## **Instruction**

### **Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics**

#### **Sportsmanship**

The CREC Council believes that the interscholastic sports program serves as an additional opportunity for students to understand and experience the dynamics of effective teamwork, by working together to achieve common goals.

The athletic experience further supports the mission of the school by developing strong intrapersonal and interpersonal skills.

While the high school athletic program serves as an arena for the student athlete to display his/her talents, student-athletes are expected to demonstrate self discipline, emotional control and the ideals of good sportsmanship. The student athlete continually serves as a reflection of his/her coach, team, family, school, and community. As such, the coach must accept the responsibility of making each athletic contest a showcase for education. Coaches are expected to be models of self control and dignity for players and spectators.

Student fans must demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship at all times, understanding their conduct reflects on their school and that poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

Adult spectators must realize that they also must exhibit good sportsmanship at athletic events. Spectators serve as a model for their own children and for other young people in the community.

Good sportsmanship practices will be practiced by administrators and coaches. Students will be taught good sportsmanship and be held accountable for their actions. Spectators will be reminded and encouraged to be appropriate role models for young people. The Board will support staff and administrators who enforce sportsmanship rules at athletic and other competitive events, including evicting students or adults who violate the District policy.

Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege not a right. Student-athletes will follow all eligibility and sportsmanship rules as established by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association (CIAC), a division of the Connecticut Association of Schools. Further, student-athletes will be expected to follow all school rules outlined in their student handbook and the student-athlete handbook.

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