

**HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY**

**ATHLETICS**

The School Committee believes that students benefit from the experiences of teamwork, the lessons of sportsmanship, and the practice of self-discipline through their participation in interscholastic athletics. Students will be allowed to participate in the interscholastic athletic program on the basis of their abilities and adherence to the following:

- Regulations and recommendations of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA);
- Policies of the Hopkinton School Committee;
- Requirements of the school administration;
- The Student Handbook and Student Athlete handbook; and
- Rules of the leagues in which the Hopkinton Public School district participates.

As a condition of employment, all paid or volunteer coaches and employees of the Athletic Department must sign a form acknowledging that they will comply with requirements above. The form must be returned to the Athletic Director.

Safety of participants shall be a primary consideration for the athletic program. The Athletic Director and Principals will establish regulations regarding the safety and well-being of all who participate in these activities and provide this information to students, staff, and parents in the Student Athlete Handbook.

Athletic Department stipended positions will be considered for renewal on an annual basis.

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| Legal References       | 603 CMR 26.06  |
| Policy Cross Reference | AC, Nondiscrimination<br>JJH Late Night and Overnight Travel<br>EEAEE Bus Accidents<br>IHBG Home Education<br>JICFB Bullying Prevention<br>GBEBC Gifts to Employees and the School Committee |
| Procedure Reference    | JJI –R – Coaches and Volunteer Compliance Signature Form<br>Student Athlete Handbook   |