

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: September 8, 2009

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
EDUCATION POLICY 6702 – INSTRUCTION: INTRAMURAL,
INFORMAL, AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

ORIGINATOR: Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):** Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director, Student Support Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed changes to Policy 6702.
This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6702

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 6702
Instruction, Extracurricular Activities**

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy

Board of Education Policy 6702 was last revised in 2000. This policy is being reviewed and updated on the Board's five-year review schedule.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by this revision.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 5300, *Activities*

Legal Requirements

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 7-108
COMAR 13A.08.01.09

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel County, Policy 909.02, *Interscholastic Athletics*
2. Harford County, Policy, *Participation in Extracurricular Activities*
3. Howard County, Policy 9080, *Interscholastic Athletic Activities*,
4. Montgomery County, Regulation IQD-RA, *Academic Eligibility for High School Students Who Participate in Extracurricular Activities*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered By Staff

None

Timeline:

- First reading – July 14, 2009
- Public comment – August 11, 2009
- Third reading – September 8, 2009

INSTRUCTION: ExtraCURRICULAR [Class] Activities

Intramural, Informal, and Interscholastic Athletics

A. Intramural and Informal Athletics

1. The Board of Education OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) [believes] RECOGNIZES that [it is the purpose of] INFORMAL AND INTRAMURAL athletics [to] provide the benefits of competitive experiences to [as large number of] students. [as possible.] EVERY STUDENT MUST BE PROVIDED AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL AND INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS REGARDLESS OF PHYSICAL ABILITY. [This may be accomplished in a progression from the informal level suitable to elementary and middle schools to the structured format common to the high school level.]

B. Interscholastic Athletics

1. A quality interscholastic athletic program is vital to the positive social, physical, and educational development of students. [The interscholastic athletic program enhances and complements the academic mission of the school system.]
2. The Board [of Education hereby] adopts the rules and regulations of the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association, in addition to the regulations, policies, and procedures for interscholastic athletics adopted by the Baltimore County Public Schools Athletic Association.

Related policY[ies]: [Rule 6702 – Intramural, INFORMAL, AND INTERSCHOLASTIC Athletics] POLICY 5300, *ACTIVITIES*

Legal ReferenceS: *ANNOTATED Code of Maryland*, EDUCATION ARTICLE § 7-108 [Regulations]
[Code of Maryland Regulations] COMAR 13A.06.03

Policy Board of Education of Baltimore County

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