District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the School Committee. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations or conferences. The Athletic Director is responsible for scheduling athletic events. Participation in interscholastic sports and regional events shall be encouraged. However, the following shall be observed:

- 1. A student must have the written consent of parents/legal guardian for each type of interscholastic sport in which he/she engages. Students of legal age may sign for themselves.
- 2. A student must be determined physically fit for the sport by the school or personal/private doctor.
- 3. Attendance at athletic contests or regional sports events does not count toward meeting the time and learning requirements. Every effort should be made to mitigate the effect of participating in or traveling to these events during the school day.

The school administration may set up other rules for participation, such as those governing academic standing, in accordance with regulations and recommendations of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA.)

References:

Westford Public Schools Athletic Department — Coaches Manual

Other References:

Massachusetts Department of Education Regulations 603 CMR 27.00:

Time and Learning.

Education Reform Act of 1993, Section 95 November (ST. 1993, c. 71,/95)

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