

# **LADH 0204 ATHLETICS**

**Responsible Office:** Principal

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To implement the policy of the La Academia Dolores Huerta with regard to student participation in interscholastic sports.

### **II. DEFINITION**

*Interscholastic sports* means sports events, competitions, etc. occurring between two or more schools.

### **III. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Participation in interscholastic activities is subject to the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA).

### **IV. EIGHTH GRADE ELIGIBILITY IN VARSITY SPORTS**

- A. With the approval of the governing council, eighth grade students shall be eligible to participate at the varsity level in NMAA-recognized individual sports not offered by the La Academia Dolores Huerta 8th Grade Athletic Program.
- B. The individual sports as defined by the NMAA are cross country, golf, tennis, and swimming.

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It is the philosophy of the La Academia Dolores Huerta that student participation in interscholastic activities is a privilege, not a right. Students earn the privilege to participate by adhering to high standards of personal conduct and academic performance.

### **II. POSITION**

- A. Students participating in interscholastic sports activities represent the school district, depict its character, and serve as role models to other students. Accordingly, participants shall be subject to a standard of academic performance and to higher standards of conduct both in and out of the school setting. Continued participation in interscholastic activities shall be conditioned upon observing and maintaining such standards.
- B. Student participation in interscholastic sports activities shall be governed by the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) and the LADH Handbook.
- C. While the Board of Education recognizes standards set for student athletes by the NMAA, including a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0, the Board strongly encourages all students, including student athletes, to strive for the highest grade point average and the highest level of academic performance possible. The Governing Council further encourages student athletes to recognize that the higher the GPA, the greater the opportunity for entry into colleges, universities, trade schools and other institutions of higher learning, and the greater the potential for success in any career field.
- D. The Principal shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

### **III. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an on-going basis in accordance with the law.