

Athletic Programs

Section 1. Interscholastic Athletics. Elementary students shall not be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Section 2. General Guidelines for Senior High School.

1. Rules and regulations set forth by the IHSAA will be observed at all times in grades 9-12.
2. Games should not be scheduled on any school vacation day if this can be avoided.
3. Athletes are not allowed to participate in a second sport until the first sport season is completed. Nonparticipating athletes should be allowed to start practice within IHSAA guidelines.

Section 3. General Guidelines for Middle/Junior High School.

1. Rules and regulations set forth by the IHSAA will be used as guidelines in grades 6, 7 and 8.
2. Games will not be scheduled on school vacation days.
3. Athletes are not allowed to participate in a second sport until the first sport season is completed. Nonparticipating athletes should be allowed to start practice within IHSAA guidelines.
4. The number of middle/junior high football games shall be limited to eight (8).
5. Practice for middle/junior high students shall not start before the first day of student attendance. Equipment/gear may be issued prior to the first day of practice.

Section 4. Retention and Red-Shirting. East Allen County Schools recognizes that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege and not a right. Fair competition and safety of participants are prime concerns of this school corporation.

East Allen County Schools does not allow the retention of any student who has successfully completed any grade, except upon the recommendation of the appropriate school personnel. Should any student, who has successfully completed the sixth grade, repeat any grade for reasons other than academic failure in circumvention of this policy,

s/he will lose his/her last year of eligibility in high school athletics. The school board reserves the right to waive this rule for certain hardship cases. Such waiver will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Section 5. Equipment. Basic physical education equipment may be used for optional physical education activities, intramural programs, and interscholastic programs as long as such use does not interfere with the basic physical education program. Equipment upkeep and needs for the basic physical education program are to be met first in every school before any funds are spent on the upkeep or purchase of equipment for optional physical education programs, intramural programs, or interscholastic programs.

Section 6. Allocation of Gymnasium Space and Time. Adequate space and time is to be made available by the building principal and the administrative assistant in order to develop an athletic program for students.

Legal Reference:
511 IAC 6.1-5-10