
It will be the Policy of the Cherokee County Board of Education (“School Board”) to prohibit discrimination based on gender in its elementary and secondary school athletic programs. In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act (O.C.G.A. 20-2-315), it will be the Policy of the School Board to undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders. It will also be the Policy of the School Board not to participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless the charter, bylaws or other governing documents of such athletic association comply with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act.

It will be the Policy of the School Board to conduct an ongoing assessment of its athletic programs to determine whether there are equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders. If it is determined that there are not equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders, the School District will conduct an athletic interest survey to determine student interest in various sports.

The Superintendent of Schools will designate an individual, known as the Sports Equity Coordinator, to ensure compliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act. The Superintendent may also designate school-level coordinators to assist the Sports Equity Coordinator. The School District will annually notify all its students of the name, office address and office telephone number of the Sports Equity Coordinator. This notification will be included in the Student/Parent handbook. In addition, each school will post in a conspicuous location a notice of nondiscrimination in sports based on gender.

The Sports Equity Coordinator will investigate any complaint received by the local School District alleging noncompliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act. Such investigation will be in accordance with the grievance procedures for resolution of complaints regarding gender equity in sports.

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Cherokee County Board of Education