

Descriptor Term:

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**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

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The Jackson County Board of Education has the power, authority, and duty to provide and regulate athletic programs. (MS Code 37-7-301 (q))

The Jackson County School District will not permit any student in grades K-6 to participate in any interschool competitive sports program of a varsity pattern with scheduled games and a championship.

Furthermore, the district or school will not allow the school name to be used by others in designating the identity of such a team.

Athletic contests shall in all respects comply with the current rules and regulations of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA). To avoid errors in determining academic eligibility to meet MHSAA guidelines, the Board of Education directs that the eligibility of all prospective participants be verified by the Athletic Director / Head Coach of Athletics and the school guidance counselor.

Legal Ref: Mississippi Code, as cited above