

BOARD POLICY

Descriptive Code: IDFA

GENDER EQUITY IN SPORTS

Date: June 13, 2005

In compliance with the Equity in Sports Act, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-315, no student in the Lee County School System shall, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another student, or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic or intramural athletics offered by the school system, nor shall the school system provide any such athletics separately on such basis, except as specifically authorized by the Act itself.

As a part of achieving this goal, the School System annually shall notify all of its students of the name, office address, and office telephone number of the equity in sports coordinator. This notification shall be included in a student handbook containing the code of conduct and distributed to all students.

An equity in sports grievance procedure will be developed by the superintendent, consistent with the requirements of state law and designed to implement the purposes of this policy. The grievance procedure will provide for prompt and equitable resolution of written student complaints, including those brought by a parent or guardian on behalf of his or her minor child who is a student, alleging any action which would be a violation of the Act.

The school system shall comply with all the requirements of state board rules concerning gender equity in sports, including records retention and the filing of any and all reports.

All donations of services or items, including booster club support, to any athletic program, shall be accepted or rejected in accordance with Lee County Board of Education Policy DFK concerning donations to the school system.