

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

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**TAPPS AND  
AIPL ACTIVITIES**

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) rules shall govern interscholastic activities; however, Board policies and School rules may supplement State Board and TAPPS rules.

Austin Inter-parochial League Athletics (AIPL) shall govern athletic activities for Middle School. The School requires all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and above who will participate in athletics to complete all of the required acknowledgements including Risk of Injury, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury, and Steroid Use, before participating, regardless of in which sport they will be competing.

No event shall be scheduled and no student allowed to participate in any TAPPS or AIPL event unless all pertinent rules and regulations are strictly enforced. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain all necessary records and reports. The Athletic Director is responsible for knowledge of and compliance with rules for eligibility and participation.

[See FM]

**ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

A well-rounded program of interscholastic athletics shall be maintained in the School. The operation of the total program, including the starting and ending dates for each sport, shall be in accordance with regulations set by the TAPPS and the Board.

Supervision of the program shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, but certain responsibilities may be delegated to other staff members. The Athletic Director shall have direct responsibility to maintain the athletic program as an integral part of the educational program of the School.

Interschool competitive athletics shall not be part of the elementary grades' program. To the extent practicable, a program of sports activities for elementary students shall be maintained as part of the physical education program or the after school program.

**NON-TAPPS  
ACTIVITIES**

Students may be involved in athletic and academic competitions and events that are not TAPPS related. Contests and competitive activities that are sponsored by outside organizations shall not be recommended to students unless the activities supplement and do not interfere with the regular school program. Contests and competitive activities

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shall have the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee, who shall develop the necessary rules and regulations to implement this policy. [See FM]

**OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

Students involved in TAPPS competition above the TAPPS' district level that requires an overnight trip shall have travel, lodging, and entry fee paid by the School. [See FM] Students involved in non-TAPPS activities that require out of state travel may be responsible for some fees.

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