

# CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS

<b>POLICY</b> <b>Interscholastic Athletic Participation Schools</b>	<b>CMS/NEPN Code:</b> <b>JFACA</b>
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Subject to law, local rules adopted by the CMS Board of Education, and rules established by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, middle and high school students are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. Local rules setting forth attendance, academic, and other requirements are set forth in Policy JJJ. The Superintendent is authorized to issue regulations setting forth the CMS rules defining eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics based upon a student's school assignment and the student's interscholastic athletic participation school. In order to participate in interscholastic athletics, a student must meet all eligibility rules.

Violation of any part of the regulations issued by the Superintendent by a student or the student's parent<sup>1</sup> may result in the loss of the student's eligibility to participate in athletics.

Staff members who exercise direct or indirect influence upon prospective athletes in an attempt to influence an athlete's choice of school assignment or who otherwise violate any part of the regulations will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including the termination of employment.

This policy shall be effective beginning with assignments for the 2002 – 2003 school year and continuing for subsequent school years.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Parent" is defined in Regulation JCA-R, Section I.

<sup>2</sup> Pending the effective date of this policy, provisions of the former policy, last revised 7/14/98, shall continue to be in effect.

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**Legal Reference: N.C.G.S. §115C – 47(4), Rules of the NC High School Athletic Association, NC Department of Public Instruction Middle/Junior High School Athletics Handbook**

**Previous CMS Policy #: 5117.6**

**Cross Reference: JCA, JCA-R, JFAC, JJJ**