

**TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY**  
**Gender Equity in Sports**

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It shall be the policy of the Terrell County Board of Education to prohibit discrimination based on gender in its elementary and secondary school athletic programs. In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, it shall be the policy of the Board to undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders. In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, it shall also be the policy of the Board no 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 shall be Board policy to conduct an ongoing assessment of its athletic programs to determine whether there are equal opportunities for members of both genders. If it is determined that there are not equal athletic opportunities for both genders, the school system will conduct an athletic interest survey to determine student interest in various sports.

The Superintendent shall designate an individual, known as the sports equity coordinator, to coordinate compliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act. The Superintendent, at his discretion, may also designate school – level coordinators to assist the sports equity coordinator. The school system shall annually notify all its students of the name, office address, and office telephone number of the sports equity coordinator. This notification shall be included in the student handbook. In addition, each school shall post in a conspicuous location a notice of nondiscrimination in sports based on gender.

The sports equity coordinator shall investigate any complaint received by the local school system alleging noncompliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act. Such investigation shall be in accordance with the grievance procedures for resolution of complaints regarding gender equity in sports, as adopted by the Board.

**Donations**

It shall be the policy of the Terrell County Board of Education to accept or deny donations from any source. It shall also be the policy of the board to encourage donations from any legitimate sources, including booster clubs. However, in order to assist the school system in maintaining compliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, any donations made to athletic programs of the school system and accepted by the Board must be accompanied by either a valuation of such donation or an accounting of actual cost incurred by the donor regarding he donation. The Superintendent shall establish other criteria for the real or personal property donate, as well as donations of services. The board shall only consider receipts of donations that conform to state and federal laws and to policies of the Board, including but not limited to any applicable safety standards.