

Guiding Principles for Carroll County Public Schools’ Transgendered Athletes

The purpose of these guidelines is to set forth criteria in which student-athletes are able to compete on a level playing field in a safe, competitive and friendly environment, free of discrimination. Title IX protects student-athletes from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

MPSSAA Guiding Principles:

Guiding Principle #3: The integrity of girls’ sports shall be preserved.

- *Guideline: The integrity of a girls’ sport is preserved when the athlete meets all criteria set forth in Guiding Principles #4 & #5.*

Guiding Principle #4: Policies governing sports shall be based on sound medical knowledge and scientific validity.

- *Guideline: Documentation provided by an appropriate medical professional (physician or psychologist) of the student’s consistent gender identification and expression.*

Guiding Principle #5: Policies governing the participation in sports shall be fair in light of the tremendous variation among individuals in strength, size, musculature, and ability.

- *Guideline: Consistent criteria is applied for all athletes, regardless to gender identification, based on variations in strength, size, musculature, and ability.*

Guiding Principle #6: The legitimate privacy of all student-athletes shall be protected at all times.

- *Guideline: Reasonable, alternative arrangements shall include the use of a private area, or a separate changing schedule.*

Non-compliance with any of the above guidelines is a violation of Title IX

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