

Resource Sheet: School Athletics

Due to limited resources, DRW is no longer able to advise on school athletics issues. Below you will find resources to help navigate this issue.

The Office of Civil Rights of the US Department of Education provided **guidance in 2013 on non-discrimination in extra-curricular activities including athletics**:

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201301-504.pdf

Shortly after that guidance came out, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Association (WIAA) collaborated on a document called **“Pupil Nondiscrimination Guidelines for Athletics”**:

dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/pndathletics.pdf#page=52

Questions and answers regarding disability as a protected class begin on page 46.

The WIAA eligibility site also has a **Q&A on “Academics & Attendance”**:

www.wiaawi.org/Schools/Eligibility-Rules-Forms#4243514-academics--attendance

A specific question about GPA eligibility-cutoffs mentions the possibility of alternate grade standards being able to be addressed in an IEP.

DPI has a **list of special education agencies and organizations** for parents that may be able to provide assistance:

dpi.wi.gov/sped/families/agency

DPI's Special Education in Plain Language handbook:

dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/spec-ed-plain-lang-english.pdf

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