

**280.13 Requirements for interscholastic athletic contests and competitions.**

1. A public school shall not participate in or allow students representing a public school to participate in any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition which is sponsored or administered by an organization as defined in [this section](#), unless the organization is registered with the department of education, files financial statements with the department in the form and at the intervals prescribed by the director of the department of education, and is in compliance with rules which the state board of education adopts for the proper administration, supervision, operation, adoption of eligibility requirements, and scheduling of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests and competitions and the organizations.

2. *a.* For the purposes of [this section](#), “organization” means a corporation, association, or organization to which all of the following apply:

(1) The corporation, association, or organization has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions.

(2) The corporation, association, or organization monitors student participation in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions pursuant to [section 280.13D](#).

(3) The corporation, association, or organization, when calculating a public school’s or nonpublic school’s enrollment to determine the classification of an extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition provided by the public school or nonpublic school, counts the enrollment of another public school or nonpublic school that allows students to participate in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is provided by the public school or nonpublic school pursuant to [section 280.13A](#) or [280.13D](#), as one-fourth of the enrollment of students in grades nine through eleven in the other public school or nonpublic school as shown in the most recent basic education data survey.

(4) (a) From August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, the corporation, association, or organization does not modify a school district’s or nonpublic school’s football classification that was established by the corporation, association, or organization prior to August 1, 2025, due to the number of students who participate in an extracurricular interscholastic football contest or competition that is provided by the school district pursuant to [section 280.13D](#).

(b) This subparagraph is repealed July 1, 2027.

*b.* “Organization” does not include an agency of this state, a public or private school or school board, or an athletic conference or other association whose interscholastic contests or competitions do not include more than twenty-four schools.

[C66, 71, 73, §257.25(10); C75, 77, 79, 81, §280.13]

[85 Acts, ch 212, §24](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1468](#); [93 Acts, ch 101, §204](#); [2025 Acts, ch 137, §1, 3](#)

Referred to in [§256.46](#), [261I.1](#), [279.19B](#), [280.13A](#), [280.13G](#), [298A.8](#)

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