

Process for Dropping Athletic Programs

1. As fiscal exigencies or other factors warrant, the athletic program will be dynamic in its consideration of eliminating athletic opportunities. To this end the district has developed this guideline for dropping athletic programs.
 - a. The high school principal shall assess the needs and capacity of the high school budget to support an athletic program on an annual basis. The principal shall endeavor to develop this assessment each budgeting cycle however it is recognized that fiscal exigencies or other emergencies may dictate the need to drop a sport after the budget is adopted and/or mid-season.
 - b. In his/her recommendation to drop a sport, the principal shall use, but shall not be limited to the following criteria:
 - (1) The availability of funds to support the athletic department;
 - (2) The availability of staffing (within our outside district employ);
 - (3) The participation levels in each activity (the athletic department or site council may set minimum levels per sport;
 - (4) Title IX equity issues;
 - (5) Fan and/or parent support;
 - (6) Administrative support capacity for oversight;
 - (7) League OSAA accommodations;
 - (8) Whether the activity is a “life-long” sport or not.
 - c. In his/her recommendation to drop a sport, the principal may set aside the impact of the loss of the program if there is sufficient support to continue the sport as a “Club Sports,” see policy IGDJ - Club Sports.