

Middle School and High School Activities Program

1. Participation will be stressed at all levels, however coaches/mentors may cut participants from their programs at grade levels 9-12. Numbers of participants per program will be mutually determined by the coach/mentor, athletic director, activities director and/or principal.
2. For the betterment of all participants and athletic programs, district coaches will emphasize multiple sport participation for all athletes.
3. All coaches will possess a current first aid card and CPR card.
4. Consistent discipline will be enforced at all levels of the program.
5. Programs involving district coaches, mentors, and participants will have priority for facility usage. All district facilities will be available to participants during the summer months, vacation times, weekends and evenings where applicable, but with proper and adequate supervision. Scheduling will be done through the plant and operations department. Summer usage will be scheduled 90 days in advance.
6. Coaches, mentors, and their programs will be formally assessed at the end of each season by the athletic director, activities director, and/or principal.
7. Proposals to add new athletic or activity programs will be presented to the athletic director, activities director, or principal for review and recommendation. They will base their recommendations on the following criteria:

The district recognizes that the scope of middle school and high school activities encompasses programs that range from the very informal, unfunded, and non-competitive to those that are very formal, highly structured, competitive, funded and, in some cases, woven into and indistinguishable from graded curriculum. The policy recognizes this diversity, supports increased student participation, and allows for district financial support in a way that is rational, fair and legal.

The district encourages the formation and continuation of athletic and activity programs that historically have received the district recognition, but no financial support. The district recognizes the continued importance of such volunteer efforts and will facilitate them by providing meeting space, administrative support, etc.

In the event an activity or sport that currently is not funded seeks financial support, the school administration will review the request according to the following procedure:

- a. Suggest that the members of the sport/activity self-fund it through membership fees to their specific club.
 - b. If additional funds are necessary, the sport/activity may make a request for funding through the Associated Student Body (ASB) or Booster Club.
 - c. If the above do not adequately meet the needs of the proposed sport/activity, and the specific program in question has for two years successfully demonstrated its ability to sustain adequate numbers of participants, to maintain a competitive program (where appropriate), and has demonstrated the availability of qualified coaches/mentors and adequate competition/performance opportunities, the Board will consider the following guidelines for phasing in financial support:
 - (1) Year three – Funding coach(es)/mentor(s) salary
 - (2) Year four – Funding coach(es)/mentor(s) salary, supplies and officials
 - (3) Year five – Funding coach(es)/mentor(s) salary, transportation, supplies and officials.
 - (4) If the petitioning activity is a sport and the participants in the proposed sport would maintain compliance with Title IX, the waiting period for funding will be waived.
8. The athletic director and activities director will review the cost to the district for each program. In the event a program exceeds 150 percent of the average cost to the district of all athletic/activity programs, that program will be instructed to decrease costs or increase revenue to bring the program back within these limits.
9. Participation Fees

All participants in programs funded by an extra duty contract will pay a participation fee as designated for each activity or program.

Participant fees to be determined by administration in consultation with the superintendent.