

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ADDING, ELIMINATING OR CHANGING THE STATUS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT-SPONSORED ACTIVITY, DISTRICT-RECOGNIZED INTERSCHOLASTIC PIAA SPORTS TEAM/PROGRAM, OR CLUB SPORT

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<p>1. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>2. Definitions</p>	<p>123.2 ADDING, ELIMINATING OR CHANGING THE STATUS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT-SPONSORED ACTIVITY, DISTRICT-RECOGNIZED INTERSCHOLASTIC PIAA SPORTS TEAM/PROGRAM , OR CLUB SPORT</p> <p>The appropriate Building Principal shall be responsible for the administration of all School District-Sponsored Activities and Club Sports at his/her level. The Coordinator of Athletic Services shall be responsible for the administration of all District-Recognized PIAA Sports Teams/Programs.</p> <p><u>School District-Sponsored Activity</u>: a Board-approved organization for students that is neither a District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sports Team/Program or Club Sport, which holds regular practices/meetings and is advised/supervised by a Board-appointed, District-stipended coach or advisor. The administration of School District-Sponsored Activities is the responsibility of the appropriate Building Principal. Activity representatives may participate in competitions, conventions or similar events, which are generally self-funded or funded in part or whole by the Principal’s building budget. Examples of School District Sponsored Activities include Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Competition Cheering, Robotics Club, Dance Team and Orchestra. School District Sponsored Activities may be funded by building budgets and/or by Principal-approved fundraising initiatives.</p> <p><u>Club Sport</u>: a Board-approved sporting team or organization that holds regular practices and may participate in contests, but is not recognized by the Board of School Directors as an Interscholastic PIAA Sports Team/Program by the District. Club sports are not funded by the District in any way, and coaches and advisors must be approved for service by the District, but are privately paid. The appropriate Building Principal shall provide administration for the operation of the Club Sport. Some examples of club sports include the Middle School Track Club and the Boys’ Volleyball Club.</p> <p><u>District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Team/Program</u>: a Board-approved, District-sponsored and recognized team/program that is coached by a Board-appointed and District-stipended appointee, which participates in interscholastic contests under the rules and regulations of the PIAA. All District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Teams/Programs will be administrated by the Coordinator of Athletics.</p>
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<p>3. Logo and Name</p>	<p>School District-sponsored Activities, District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Teams/Programs and Club Sports are groups recognized by the District and permitted to use the Southern Lehigh name, colors, and logo. The School District's fiscal or operational responsibilities concerning any School District-sponsored Activities or District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Teams/Programs shall remain solely at the Board's discretion. Periodic reviews of School District-Sponsored Activities, District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Teams/Programs and Club Sports will be performed by the administration to determine their current and/or future viability.</p>
<p>4. Procedure for the Initiation of a Proposal for Formation or Elimination of an Activity, Non-PIAA Sport or Club Sport</p>	<p><u>Initiation of a Proposal for the Formation or Elimination of a School District-Sponsored Activity, District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Team/Program or Club Sport</u></p> <p>Any individual or group seeking to initiate a proposal for the formation of a School District-Sponsored Activity or Club Sport or to eliminate an existing School District Sponsored Activity or Club Sport will submit in writing the information set forth in the following list to the appropriate Building Principal. Any individual or group seeking to initiate a proposal for the formation or elimination of an existing District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sport Team/Program will submit in writing the information named in the following list to the Coordinator of Athletic Services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of activity, sports team/program or club team and contact information 2. Season length and structure, if applicable 3. Realistic anticipated number of participants; numbers of past participants 4. The need this activity or sports team is designed to fill 5. Anticipated impact on other district-sponsored activities or sports teams, including Title IX considerations. 6. Staffing implications, including the pay of coaches or advisors if applicable 7. Budgetary implications 8. Anticipated date activity or team is requested to be added or deleted 9. Facilities usage implications 10. Existence of community programs in that sport or activity 11. Transportation plans for contests/events, if applicable <p><u>Process</u></p> <p>A. The appropriate administrator will review all requests for initiation or elimination of a School District Sponsored Activity or Club Sport and forward all information to the Superintendent with a written recommendation to include/exclude in the annual budget submission.</p> <p>B. The Superintendent will review all requests for initiation or elimination of a</p>

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<p>5. Procedure for Changing the Status of a Club Sport to a District Recognized PIAA Interscholastic Sports Team/Program</p>	<p>School District Sponsored Activity or Club Sport and forward all information to the Finance Committee with a written recommendation to include/exclude in the budget submission.</p> <p>C. The Finance Committee Board will recommend to the Board a course of action.</p> <p>D. The Board will make the decision to approve, disapprove or modify the proposal. The addition of stipended positions may be a matter involving collective bargaining.</p> <p><u>Procedure for Changing Status of a Club Sport to a District-Recognized PIAA Interscholastic Sports Team/Program</u></p> <p>During or after the third year of the Club Sport’s existence representatives from the Club Sport may request the consideration of the Board for recognition as a District – Recognized PIAA Sports Team/Program and district funding from the Board for the following year through the athletic office budget in the following manner:</p> <p>A. The Coordinator of Athletic Services will receive and review all requests for initiation of a District-Recognized PIAA Interscholastic Sports Team/Program including information listed in 1 through 11 above. He/She will forward the proposal to the Superintendent with a written recommendation to include/exclude in the next annual budget submission.</p> <p>B. The Superintendent will review all requests for initiation of a District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sports Team/Program and forward all information to the Finance Committee with a written recommendation to include/exclude in the next annual budget submission.</p> <p>C. The Finance Committee of the Board of School Directors will recommend to the Board of School Directors a course of action.</p> <p>D. The Board of School Directors will make the decision to approve, disapprove or modify the proposal. The addition of stipended positions may be a matter involving collective bargaining.</p>
<p>6. Suspension or Cessation of a School District-Sponsored Activity, District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sporting Team/Program or Club Sport</p>	<p>Low enrollment, lack of supervision, financial considerations or other reasons concerning any District-Recognized PIAA Interscholastic Sports Team/Program, Club Sport or School District Sponsored Activity may cause its suspension for a given season, with a subsequent review to occur to determine the long-term viability of the program. The Board will have sole discretion to continue, suspend or cease the sponsorship, recognition or financial support for any District-Recognized PIAA Interscholastic Sports Team/Program, Club Sport or School District Sponsored Activity. In addition, the Board will have sole discretion in any decision made to reduce a District-Recognized PIAA Interscholastic Sports Team/Program to a Club Sport.</p>