

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: DISTRICT-SPONSORED ACTIVITY,
VARSITY SPORTS PROGRAM,
CLUB SPORT OPERATIONS

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SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>3. Funding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">123.3 DISTRICT-SPONSORED ACTIVITY, VARSITY SPORTS PROGRAM, OR CLUB SPORT OPERATIONS</p> <p>The building Principal is responsible for all school district-sponsored Activities and Club Sports at his/her level. The Coordinator of Athletic Services, in conjunction with the building level principal, is responsible for all Varsity Sports Programs.</p> <p><u>Activity</u>: a Board-approved organization for students that is neither a Varsity Sports Program team nor a Club Sport, which holds regular practices/meetings and is advised/managed by a Board-appointed District-paid coach or advisor. Activities may participate in competitions and conventions, which the Board of School Directors may fund upon request. Examples include Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Robotics Club, Dance Team, Competition Cheerleading, and Orchestra. Activities may be funded by building budgets and/or approved fundraising initiatives.</p> <p><u>Club Sport</u>: a Board-approved sporting team or organization for students that holds regular practices and participates in regular contests, but is not considered an interscholastic sport at that level within the District. Club sports are not funded by the District, and coaches and advisors must be approved for service by the District, but are privately paid. Examples include MS Track and Field.</p> <p><u>Varsity Sports Program</u>: a Board-approved District-sponsored student team at the MS/JH, JV or Varsity level that is coached by a Board-appointed and District-paid appointee, which participates in interscholastic contests under the rules and regulations of the PIAA. Examples include interscholastic basketball, soccer and field hockey.</p> <p><u>Funding of an Activity, Varsity Sports Program, or Club Sport</u></p> <p><u>Activities</u> are supervised by approved stipendiary school district employees, who are supervised in this role by the appropriate Building Principal. Stipend amounts are listed in the SLEA/SLSD Collective Bargaining Agreement. Activity budgets are funded as a portion of the Building budget, as approved by the Building Principal and the Superintendent. Activities may request permission to raise funds according to District policy for special trips, events, seminars or charities.</p>
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	<p><u>Club Sports</u> are not funded by the District. Equipment, supplies and transportation are provided by the club members or parent’s groups. Coaches are paid by the sponsors and participants/parent’s groups of the club, and must receive District approval. The District has the right to refuse approval of a coach who does not meet the District’s standards. In general, coaches’ remuneration should proportionally be no more than similar coaching stipends of the District’s interscholastic sports.</p> <p><u>Varsity Sports Programs</u> are funded through the Athletic Director’s budget. All other funds pertaining directly to Interscholastic sports or Activities shall be processed through the appropriate student fund account.</p>
4. Transportation	<p>Transportation funding for Club Sports is not provided by the District. Activities may request permission to raise funds in accordance with District policy for special trips, events, seminars, and game/ match transportation. Transportation for Varsity Sports Programs is normally provided by the District.</p> <p>In all cases, transportation of students participating in any District-sanctioned or sponsored contest or trip will only occur either with a licensed purveyor of these services, or by volunteering individuals once proof of insurance, current vehicle inspection and proof of a driver’s license in good standing is provided. In cases where individuals will transport only their own children, such requirements will not be enforced.</p> <p>All trips outside the normal interscholastic season and playoffs, all overnight trips, and all trips outside the normally scheduled seasonal events for Activities, must be approved by the Board.</p>
5. Facilities Usage Class	<p>Varsity Sports Programs and District-sanctioned Activities will be considered Class I under Policy 707. Club Sports will be considered Class III or Class IV, dependent upon non-profit status.</p>
6. Parent’s Groups	<p>Booster Clubs and Parent’s groups organized in support of Varsity Sports Programs, Club Sports, or Activities will adhere to the requirements set forth in Policy 915, <u>Booster Organizations</u>.</p>
7. Student Requirements	<p>Students participating in Varsity Sports Programs, Club Sports or Activities will be obligated to fulfill all requirements concerning physical examinations as appropriate, permission slips from parents/guardians, and signatures upon athlete’s codes of conduct as appropriate, as well as anything else the district requires to qualify the student for participation.</p>