

SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM: SPORTS MERGERS

1. School administration shall not forward a request from another school district for a sports merger unless the following criteria are met:
 - a. The coach, Athletic Director and Superintendent of Schools support the request.
 - b. There shall be no additional cost to the Ogdensburg City School District for participation of students in another school district seeking to participate on an OFA sports team.
 - c. If a merger request is recommended for adoption it is understood that there shall be no cuts of OFA students by coaches within the sports program.
 - d. Playing time will still continue to be at the coach's professional discretion, based upon the skill level of the athlete. (Playing time will continue to be a non-negotiable item and will be determined at the coach's professional discretion, based upon their own team rules in conjunction with the Ogdensburg City School District Code of Conduct).
2. The Board of Education maintains the right to deny or accept a request for a sports merger.
3. Since the requesting district has to request a merger on a yearly basis, the Board of Education will review merger requests on a yearly basis to determine if it is in the best interest of the district for the merger to continue.
4. It is expected that a full, non-refundable payment of merger fees be received by the district prior to the start of the sports season.
5. The Board of Education reserves the right to assess a fee to a school district whose students play on an OFA athletic team. This will be based on the OFA billing formula for "merger students".

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