

UPPER PERKIOMEN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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New Interscholastic Sports Request Procedure

Introduction

Upper Perkiomen School District Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics states, "The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students and as a conduit for the community involvement." Furthermore, "It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis, in accordance with law and regulations."

There may be opportunities when sustained student interest and involvement creates the desire to establish a new interscholastic athletic program in the Upper Perkiomen School District. In order to provide guidance in creating a new interscholastic athletic program, the following factors will be considered in determining the appropriateness of the request.

Factors for Consideration

The following factors shall be considered by the administration when deciding on making a recommendation to the Board for expansion of the Upper Perkiomen School District Interscholastic Athletic Program.

1. Whether the program under consideration is either sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) or recognized as an Emerging Sport by the PIAA.
2. Balance between male and female sports within the District. Considerations include, but are not limited to:
 - Impact on substantial proportionality,
 - Continuing practice of program expansion and,
 - Fully and effectively accommodation of interests and abilities of students.
3. A history and projection of student interest and participation must be demonstrated to assure sufficient numbers of students for contests and practices. This can be accomplished through:
 - Annual Yearly Student Interest Survey
 - School District Title IX self-audits of the athletic program
 - Current Coaching staff input and survey
 - Current Student-athlete input and survey
 - Projections and enrollment from Youth Athletic Organizations
 - Middle School and High School Guidance Counselors accessing additional information through individual conversations with their students
4. Impact on middle school and junior varsity programs for established athletic programs.
5. Season of the year and length of the season for the program under consideration.

6. The District's ability and commitment to budget and cover costs that include:
 - a. Coach's Salaries
 - b. Equipment, Supplies and Uniforms
 - c. Game or Tournament Fees
 - d. Travel Expenses
 - e. Official's Fees
 - f. Insurance as appropriate
7. Availability and distance of opposing teams for competitions as well as competitors being PIAA approved and the majority of the competition located within a 50-mile radius.
8. Potential loss of student-athlete classroom time.

Process

Groups/individuals interested in establishing a new or expanding an existing Interscholastic Athletic Program should make this request to the Director of Athletics of the Upper Perkiomen School District in writing or verbally. Upon receipt of a written or verbal request, the Director of Athletics shall provide the individual/group with a written form to be completed and submitted back to the Director of Athletics.

The Director of Athletics shall make both written and verbal requests known to the Superintendent and High School Principal who will review the submitted form and may recommend after reviewing the consideration factors that the request be discussed at the Extra-Curricular Committee and for the committee to ask questions and evaluate the request. The District Administration reserves the right to request further information from the requester prior to making a recommendation to the committee. All written and verbal requests for a new Interscholastic Athletic Program to the Athletic Director will be shared with the Extra-Curricular Committee members at the next meeting following the submission regardless of the stage in the consideration process so the committee is aware of the request.

If the administrative recommendation is approved and supported by the Extra-Curricular Committee, the request will be presented to the full Board for consideration as there are both program and financial commitments that are required to move forward with the addition/expansion of an Athletic program.

Dissemination

The procedures shall be added to the Upper Perkiomen School District Student Handbook at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year and to the Upper Perkiomen School District Athletics Website immediately.

Upper Perkiomen School District New Interscholastic Sport Request Form

Name of Requestor: _____

Email Address of Requestor: _____

Phone Contact: _____ Date of Request: _____

I am a: 1) Student, 2) Parent, 3) Employee, 4) Community Member, 5) Other (If other, please explain your relationship below) within the Upper Perkiomen School District.

I am requesting that the Upper Perkiomen School District consider adding the following sport: _____

Rationale for the Request _____

***For Internal Purposes Only (Upper Perkiomen School District Athletic Office):**

PIAA Sanctioned/Emerging Sport: Yes _____ No _____

Current UPSD Proportionality: % Male _____ % Female _____

Number of PIAA approved/emerging teams within a 50-mile radius: _____