Middle School Activities and Athletics - District (Poison Spider) & Non-District Participation Process

Purpose

To guide middle school administrators in placing Poison Spider and non-district students requesting to participate in NCSD activities or athletics at NCSD Middle Schools. These placements will occur when a District or non-district school does not have enough participants per sport per grade to form its own team at its own site.

As a result of increased participation by non-district students in activities and athletics, the following process has been developed to help prevent overburdening NCSD middle schools. The process will maintain a balanced distribution of teams and participants across all middle schools and honor participation opportunities for student-athletes.

When a District or non-district school has enough participants per sport per grade, the school should consider creating its own team.

Definitions

Middle School: Grades 6th, 7th & 8th

District students: Poison Spider students (participating in activities and athletics)

Non-district students: charter, homeschool, private, and/or virtual students (participating in activities and athletics)

Enrollment Criteria for Middle School Activities and Athletics

Once a middle school reaches enrollment capacity, Poison Spider and non-district students will not be allowed to participate at that school for the school year.

The enrollment capacity will be monitored during the school year. A school may become unavailable to accept District and non-District students requesting to participate in activities and athletics if the school reaches enrollment capacity.

Placement Process

District students:

Before the beginning of the fall middle school activities and sports season, Poison Spider students will have the first opportunity to select a school to participate at based on enrollment capacity. These students have the opportunity to select their school beginning the second Monday in July. This selection will determine their playing location for the year.

Based on enrollment capacity, Poison Spider students will be assigned to CY or Dean Morgan to ensure more efficient transportation services from NCSD Transportation. If a family is interested in attending another school with available capacity, they can choose the alternate school, but they are required to transport their child.

If any District middle school is unable to create its own team at its site due to a limited number of participants, those interested participants will be directed to schools with available capacity, for that season only.

(Example: CCA has seven 8th-grade students interested in playing football. As an east-side school, Centennial would be designated. But, since Centennial is at capacity, the seven interested students would be considered for a west-side school with capacity. Thus, all seven students would be bused to Dean Morgan to participate in football (first season only) because it has capacity, and CY has no capacity.)

Non-district students:
Non-district students will be allowed to select a school with available capacity, starting 10 school days before the first middle school season in the fall (late August). Once a school is selected and approved, it will be their designated NCSD school for the school year.

A non-district student with a sibling currently enrolled in an NCSD middle school is not a factor when selecting a school. A school with available capacity is the determining condition for where the non-district student will participate.

If a District student leaves an NCSD school during a school year, they lose their spot at their school of enrollment and must register through the non-district student selection procedures.

NCSD Transportation will not be available or provided to non-district students for practices or competitions that occur within the District.

Selection Procedures

District students: Poison Spider
When a Poison Spider student requests to participate in middle school activities or athletics, the following steps will be taken:

a. Contact the NCSD Activities and Athletics Office (253-5462).
b. The student/family will select an available school as their designated site for the year.
c. The NCSD Athletic and Activities Office will notify the selected school.
d. The following items must be completed and turned in before participating in an activity or sport at their selected school.
    i. Sports Physical
    ii. Online Parental Acknowledgment completed

Non-district Student Selection Procedures:
When a non-school district student requests to participate in middle school activities or athletics, the following steps will be taken:

a. Contact the NCSD Activities and Athletics Office (253-5462).
b. Athletic and Activities Office staff will collect payment for the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) catastrophic insurance.
    i. Homeschooled students will need to contact Student Support Services (253-3150) to obtain a student ID number.
c. The non-district student/family will select an available school as their designated site for the year.

d. The selected school will be notified by the NCSD Athletics and Activities Office when a non-district student chooses their school for sports participation.
e. The non-district parent/guardian must complete the following before participating in an activity or sport at their selected school.
    i. Complete the Parental Acknowledgments via Parent Campus.
    ii. Have a sports physical completed, and provide a copy of the sports physical form to the school where they will participate for the year.
    iii. Complete the Combination School Agreement available at the NCSD Athletic and Activities Office.
        1. Once this form is completed, it will be turned in to the selected school along with the sports physical form.
f. Participation can not start until the following are completed and turned in to the school.
    i. Sports Physical Form
    ii. Online Parental Acknowledgment completed
    iii. Immunization Records
    iv. Proof of purchase for WHSAA catastrophic insurance
    v. Combination School Agreement signed by the District Athletic & Activity Office

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