

## **MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board Policy 376.1

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

Interscholastic athletic program activities shall be offered based on student interest, available facilities and resources and the availability of interschool competition. Program staffing in athletics shall be designed to provide personnel where student interest is apparent and student safety concerns warrant and to reduce personnel where there is a lack of student interest.

A minimum number of participants is needed to begin a program. The minimum number of participants needed shall be recommended by the building principal to the Superintendent and Board.

The Board realizes that student interests, school population, and funding levels available to the district change over the years. The Activities Director shall review each program on an annual basis and take the following into consideration:

1. The availability of a facility and the convenience of using the facility.
2. The availability of a coach, preferably a member of the teaching staff.
3. The number of students participating in the program. If participation drops below a reasonable number to sustain the program, it may be reduced, dropped or merged with another program.
4. The cost of the program as well as the cost in relationship to the number of students served.

If it appears that the district may need to consider reducing or dropping a program, the following shall be considered:

1. The availability of alternative programs for students.
2. The number of sports offered each season.
3. Other factors that are unique to the given sport (e.g., the sport is a non-contact sport and the district wants to provide both non-contact and contact sports).

If a program is to be reduced or dropped, consideration may be given to merging two levels of the program (i.e., freshmen with junior varsity; when physically feasible, junior varsity with varsity). If the activity is a varsity program, the district may attempt to merge with another district in the same geographical area that is having the same problems (co-operative program). If there is no viable alternative, the program shall be dropped.

A minimum number of participants is needed for reinstatement of a program. The minimum number of participants needed shall be recommended by the building principal to the Superintendent and Board.

CROSS REFERENCE:           Administrative Rule 535.2, Guidelines Regarding Volunteer Coaches  
                                  Board Policy 376, Interscholastic Athletics  
                                  Board Policy 411, Equal Educational Opportunities

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