

BP 8410 Cooperative Agreements Involving ~~Extra-Curricular~~Extracurricular Activities

The School Board recognizes its responsibility to assist and coordinate certain programs and activities across the district. In the case of ~~extra-curricular~~extracurricular activities, Southeast Island School District (SISD) will accept its uniqueness in addressing the needs of our student participants as they strive to benefit from such competition(s). Sportsmanship, leadership, problem solving skills, and the need for healthy competition maintain a priority with these ~~extra-curricular~~extracurricular activities. It is also expected that students that participate in high school activities maintain higher academic standards than those that do not.

Let it be understood that due to limited number of students, inadequate facilities, shortages of certified coaches/licensed bus drivers, and limited funding pools, cooperative efforts among SISD sites as well as cooperative efforts with districts other than SISD need to be considered. Due to SISD's transient population, cooperative agreements as listed below need to be considered that will allow our student body the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.

Each spring, each of the grade levels from grade 8-11 will be surveyed as to their interest(s) for the upcoming year. Such a survey will allow the school district as well as the local advisory school councils (ASCs) to prepare accordingly for the necessary needs that are reflected in the survey results (coaches/uniforms).

When possible, students will participate at their own site with local coaches and with local participants. The need to keep travel risks/liabilities, as well as travel costs to a minimum, must be considered in each case. Efforts to maintain each site's traditional mascot and community traditions will be considered with each activity's location.

Should a student choose to participate in an activity away from their home site, the following must be followed:

- 1) He/She must request (in writing) to the local ASC of their intent;
- 2) The ASC must meet and formally discuss the request. The discussion must include the following:
 - a. It must be understood that only a single cooperative agreement will be honored per sporting season. Multiple students that are interested in such a cooperative agreement must be in agreement to which site/district they are requesting;
 - b. Eligibility standards must be met/maintained;
 - c. Code of Conduct must be maintained for each site at a standard not less than SISD currently maintains;

- d. Funding responsibilities and obligations will rest with the "home" ASC. Transportation costs will include: to and from practices, tournaments, and "off island games;"
- e. If a "home" ASC should choose to send more students than necessary for a "local" team, the ASC must realize and discuss the potential impact of only limited students being chosen to participate with the ~~co-~~cooperative site. In this case there is a chance that "home" students that get "cut" during tryouts will forfeit any future opportunities to participate on a varsity level team for that season.
- f. With a vote of support from the "home" ASC, a formal request must be made to the site/district that the student(s) is/are interested in. This request must be filed by the ASC president.

3) At the point of the "home" ASC making a request to a "host" site, a copy of such a request must be made available to the District Office 7 day's prior. During this time SISD can arrange a necessary "waiver" request with the state level [Alaska School Activities Association \(ASAA\)](#) offices to support such an effort.

- a. Any additional costs associated with travel, officials, meals, etc. must be in agreement/coordinated between the "home ASC" site and the "host" site.

4) With the necessary support of each site's administrator (and the state ASAA), the cooperative agreement becomes formally accepted and will be on file at the District Office as well as the "home" site.

5) Students involved with such a cooperative agreement shall honor the "host" sites training/practice rules.

Other... [Items](#)

- Each site's ASC needs to establish in print, a minimum number of participants that will be funded for travel to off-island activities and tournament play. This number will range depending on which activity is being referenced.
- Each site's ASC needs to establish in print, a minimum number of athletes required in order to host an activity such as basketball, volleyball or cross-country. By carrying a minimum of participants, the ASC accepts any/all financial penalties associated with potential "no-shows" at scheduled tournaments (as per ASAA guidelines).
- Each site will actively recruit necessary bookkeepers/score clock personnel for each "local" event. This effort can be coordinated with the Activities Director.

- Each site's ASC needs to aggressively pursue certified coaches for each sport. Certified coaches are required by ASAA regulations.
- Each site's ASC should have "activities update" listed on each regularly scheduled ASC meeting. Update items to include sporting events scheduled, coaching positions open, trainings being offered, potential requests for extracurricular activity co-op requests, and fund balances.
- It is suggested that each site consider balancing the funding challenges among other sources besides the activity referenced to take the pressure off the active coach and players.
- Uniforms should be considered for at least a 4-year cycle and required uniform changes will be the responsibility of each ASC.
- There will be no charge for gym use among SISD sites for either practice or games. Visiting SISD schools will be responsible for general clean up after each activity.

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Southeast Island School District