

Henderson ISD Board Background

Subject: Consider Approval of the Henderson Fishing Team.

Presented for: Action_X_

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Background Information:

Introduction Through the years, students at our school have participated in high school fishing competitions. However, we have never had an official team or club operating under the school's umbrella. After careful research and discussions with stakeholders, we believe it is time to formalize a fishing team/club within our school. The benefits of forming this club far outweigh any potential drawbacks, and it aligns with our mission to provide diverse extracurricular opportunities for our students.

Benefits of Forming a Fishing Team/Club

1. Scholarship Opportunities

- a. Competitive fishing can lead to scholarship opportunities for students, opening doors to higher education that might otherwise be unattainable.

2. Student Accountability

- a. Participation will require students to meet standards for attendance, academic eligibility, and good disciplinary standing, fostering responsibility and personal growth.

3. Academic Integration

- a. The program will incorporate math and science concepts, particularly in preparation for tournaments, enhancing the educational value of the club.

4. Community Engagement

- a. The team will include a community service component, where student anglers will work with elementary campuses to teach important skills such as boat safety and proper life jacket use.

5. Personal Development

- a. Fishing teaches patience, problem-solving, teamwork, and a respect for nature, all of which are valuable life skills.

Financial Impact The formation of this team will place no financial burden on the school district. Participation costs, including equipment and tournament fees, will be covered through sponsorships, fundraising, and contributions from families. Additionally, a staff member with prior experience sponsoring a fishing team has volunteered to lead this program.

Sponsorship and Leadership We are fortunate to have a staff member who has previously sponsored a fishing team in another district. His passion for the sport and vision for the program extend beyond fishing. He aims to:

- Integrate educational elements such as math and science into tournament preparation.
- Expand the program to include community service projects, fostering connections between our students and the broader community.

Area Schools with Fishing Team/Clubs

Brownsboro	Arp	Frankston	Tyler Legacy	Troup	Whitehouse
Jacksonville	Chapel Hill	Lindale	Van	Bullard	
Palestine	White Oak	Spring Hill	Rusk	Kilgore	
Hallsville	Carthage	Mabank			

Conclusion Forming a school fishing team/club offers a unique opportunity to enhance our students' educational experience, personal development, and community involvement. It supports our goal of providing a well-rounded education while opening doors to future opportunities for our students. We believe this initiative will be a valuable addition to our extracurricular offerings and respectfully seek approval to move forward with its establishment.

Recommendation:

Approve the formation of the Henderson Fishing Team as presented.

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