

Joint Intergovernmental Agreement

For

A Cooperative Athletic Boys' Wrestling Team between Ridgeview Junior High School and Lexington Junior High School

For and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained within, the Ridgeview Junior High School and Lexington Junior High School becoming parties to this agreement, hereby mutually promise and agree to the following stipulations and conditions. The agreement is for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

1. **Name:** The official name of the cooperative teams will be the **Ridgeview/Lexington Wrestling Coop.**
2. **Terms of the agreement:**
 - a. **Host school:** Ridgeview Junior High School will be designated the host school to the Illinois Elementary School Association.
 - b. **Schedule of Contests:** Ridgeview Junior High School shall have the responsibility of scheduling and contracting officials. For the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons:
 - i. Ridgeview Junior High School and Lexington Junior High School will continue to host home matches when the number of home matches and schedules allow.
 - c. **Colors & Mascot/Nickname:** The official name will be **Ridgeview/Lexington Wrestling Coop.** The colors will remain Ridgeview colors and the mascot will be the Mustangs.
 - d. **Awards, Letters and Banquets:** Awards night will be held each year at Ridgeview Junior High School. Athletes will be honored according to their respective schools' awards system.
 - e. **Student-Athlete Registration:** Registration for the season will remain open until the conclusion of the first week of the IESA season.
 - f. **Equipment:** The Ridgeview Junior High School coaches will purchase, inventory, identify, and store the uniforms and equipment. If both schools are represented on a new uniform purchase, Lexington will pay 45% of the uniform purchase price.
 - g. **Transportation:** Lexington Junior High School will be responsible for transporting their student-athletes to practices by the set time (4:00-6:00 pm), if there are 5 or more student-athletes for the wrestling program traveling. Transportation to athletic contests will be agreed upon by both schools Athletic and Transportation Directors.
 - h. **Financial:**
 - i. The school where the event is held is responsible for all expenses at those meets and will retain any proceeds from the event.
 - ii. Ridgeview will pay the entry fees for the contests.
 - i. **Athletic Fees:** Ridgeview and Lexington students will pay a participation fee to their respective schools.
 - j. **Training Rules/Eligibility:** Student-athletes will follow the eligibility rules and Student-Athlete Code of Conduct guidelines, established by IESA and their respective schools.
 - k. **Physical exams:** Each student-athlete will be responsible for his own physical exam.
 - l. **Staff Passes:** Staff members from both schools will be allowed in free to home wrestling meets. School passes will also be honored at both locations.
 - m. **Practice Schedules:** Practices, both preseason and regular season, will be conducted at Ridgeview Junior High School. The tentative regular season practice schedule will be 4:00-6:00 pm.

- n. **Coaching:** Ridgeview will be responsible for hiring and compensating the head coach and up to two assistant coaches. Lexington can hire and compensate at least one coach but no more than two coaches.
- o. **Evaluation:** The home school athletic director will conduct the formal evaluation of coaches employed by their district. This evaluation will be completed in collaboration with the host-school athletic director, who will provide input based on in-season observations and team management. Final documentation will be shared between both athletic directors and kept in accordance with district personnel policies.
- p. **Paperwork on File:** Prior to any type of practice, each student-athlete must have all required documents on file with their respective school. These requirements can be found in each school's handbook.

3. Approval: Approved and signed

This _____ day of _____, 20____

President, Ridgeview CUSD #19 Board of Education

President, Lexington CUSD #7 Board of Education

Superintendent, Ridgeview CUSD #19

Superintendent, Lexington CUSD #7

Principal, Ridgeview Junior High School

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